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More than 60 teams to start '04 Canoe Marathon

■ C-1 race and C-2
sprints set for
July 17, C-2 race
starts July 18

More than 60 paddling teams – one of the largest number of entrants in the event's history – have signed on for the challenge of this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon, a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda that includes several portages and whatever obstacles the river might have to offer.

This year's race, the 57th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, with the LeMans-style run to the river. At the starting cannon, paddling teams will run from downtown Grayling (near the post office) to the AuSable River at Ray's, put their canoes into the water, and head toward the finish line at Oscoda. Teams finish the race in 14 to 19 hours, approximately. Almost half of the race's 120 miles will be covered by the paddling teams during nighttime hours.

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Triebold, Lajoie edge Harwood, Rimer



Photo by Caleb Casey

Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie reach the finish line at McMasters Bridge a few seconds ahead of Mo Harwood and Matt Rimer to win their second consecutive Spike's Challenge C-2 race. The race, held on Sunday, July 18, this year, runs from Ray's Canoe Livery to McMasters. For more on the Spike's Challenge, see Pages 1-6B.

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The 2004 AuSable River Canoe Marathon Spectator Guide is included in this issue of the Crawford County Avalanche. The guide includes entry list, paddler profiles, sponsorship information, race-related articles, course map, and more.

GHS grad injured in Iraq

Ian Lauterwasser, a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on his 18th birthday.

He had been considering joining the Army but after talking with the Marine recruiter he joined them as soon as possible.

He was sent to San Diego, Camp Pendleton where he was trained as a basic rifleman.

On January 4, 2003 he was on a troop transport headed for Kuwait when the ship was diverted to Iraq. He served there for six months and then returned home for six months.

He was shipped back over to Iraq February 29, 2004 where he stayed until June 24 when he and his squad were ambushed near

Fallujah. During the ambush, Ian was shot in the knee.

He was shipped to Germany where the injury was cleaned and then sent back to Camp Pendleton. His father, Kevin, came out to visit and they drove back home to Mio via the southern U.S.

He has been seeing doctors in the Grayling area to keep the wound clean but will be headed back to Camp Pendleton where the military will make the final decision.

He was pleased and surprised at his warm welcome home and with all of the patriotic signs and flags.

Ian is the son of Kevin and Kim Lauterwasser of Mio.



Ian Lauterwasser

Freedom Salute Ceremony



Brigadier General Howard Taylor presents the Distinguished Center of Influence Award the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Accepting on behalf of the Chamber was past president Laurie Figley. The Freedom Salute Ceremony at Camp Grayling on Sunday, July 18 honored soldiers and businesses who have contributed to Operation Noble Eagle. For more, see Page 8A.

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Safety Town prepares kids for kindergarten

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Four and five year olds made their first step into a world filled with teachers and lunch lines last week at Grayling's third annual Safety Town program, hosted by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

The program lasted one week from 9:00 a.m. to noon, on July 12-16. Safety Town is free to participants.

"The program introduces them to some safety concepts they will be experiencing in the fall," said program organizer Tim Coe. Coe represented the VFW with Paul Smith. Kids learn traffic safety, correct procedure for riding a school bus, poison safety and how to deal with strangers. They also learn how to participate in groups and interact in a classroom environment.

"I bet in the fall when they



The graduating class of Safety Town 2004 poses for a group photo. These kids worked and played hard to earn their certificates of graduation.

start school those things come back to them," said Coe. Volunteers realize that four and five year olds have short attention spans and may only absorb part of what they are taught. Nevertheless, Safety Town serves to create a framework of understanding in childrens' minds, thus allowing them to catch on more quickly when these same concepts are reintroduced in kindergarten. The kids, however, just view the program as a chance to have some fun.

"A lot of it is play, but that's how we learn- with play," said Coe. Safety Town was devel-

oped in Ohio about 30 years ago. Grayling's third Safety Town was made possible by volunteers and the donations of local businesses and charity organizations. The program costs about \$25 per kid to put on, all of which is paid for by these groups. The VFW received assistance from the Kiwanis Club and local Boy Scouts. Snacks for the kids were donated by McDonald's, Burger King and Goodale's Bakery.

"I enjoy it as much as the kids," said Coe. Volunteers broke the kids into three small groups. This year's group leaders were Brian Stewart and

Jimmy Hilbrecht from the Boy Scouts and Ivan Bush from the Kiwanis Club. The primary responsibility of these leaders was simply to keep track of the energetic youth.

"They keep us busy," said group leader Ivan Bush. At the end of the one week program, kids received a certificate of completion and a t-shirt. Parents who wish to have their kids participate next year will receive material at the Kindergarten Roundup meeting next spring. The Avalanche will also publish sign-up information before the program next summer.

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Township-military task force formed

Grayling Township has taken a step forward in supporting the Camp Grayling military mission while providing economic development to the surrounding community.

The township board voted unanimously to establish a civilian/military task force to work with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan Department of Military Affairs and the United States Department of Defense.

and Homeland Security at their July 14 meeting. The goal of the task force is to provide facilities in and around Camp Grayling which would support an increased military mission and attract private, defense and security related companies.

The suggestion came from a task force appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm which had toured Camp Grayling earlier Wednesday.

Members of that task force said many opportunities will arise from the evolution of the military from a conventional "country against country" role, to a role of fighting an enemy which often uses terrorist tactics and is not easily identified.

According to members of the visiting task force, communities which are equipped to accept new military missions, new populations of soldiers and defense related companies will be cho-

sen above others and benefit economically. They added that Homeland Security has a great deal of money available for security and anti-terrorism projects.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said, "Grayling Township is the logical home for the development of this new economic effort. We share physical land with the camp and also most camp employees live in the township."

The new Grayling Township Military Economic Development Task Force will be a standing committee under the direction of the township board. The board will appoint members to the committee and oversee their operating procedures and expenses. The board suggested a slate of possible appointees although they directed Wright to select the group of citizens to be appointed.

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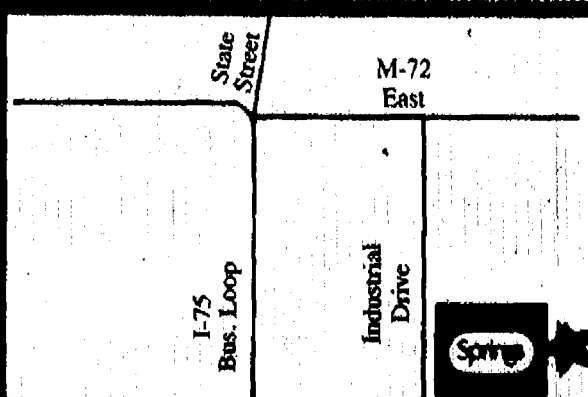
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M-72 resurfacing continues

The resurfacing of M-72 between the Crawford County line Grayling and its intersection with US-131 near Kalkaska which began July 19 is scheduled to be finished by the end of August.

The work will be done during

daylight hours on Mondays through Thursdays. Traffic will be maintained using intermittent lane closures via traffic regulators. Motorists are urged to watch for traffic-control changes and proceed with extra caution through the work zone.

Correction

In the 2004 Spectator Guide (a special publication of the Crawford County Avalanche included in this week's issue), the time listed for the Marathon Mass is incorrect. The Marathon Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church on July 24.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

Correction

The paddler in the picture on Page 5B of the July 15 edition of the Avalanche with Al Widing Sr. is Don Brooks.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

Corrections

In last week's article "On the Ballot: August Primary Election - Grayling Township," Ruth O'Mara's profile listed her as "the Grayling Township clerk for 20 years." O'Mara has been the Grayling Township Treasurer for 20 years, not clerk. Monica Ashton has been the Grayling Township Clerk for 20 years.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

In the same article, Cheryl Ruley worked for the Navy Family Housing Office, not the Nursing Office.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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★ **Grayling Township** ★
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Bridge being reclaimed by nature

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Back at the dawn of time when Model-T Fords roamed the land, there used to be two bridges across the North Branch of the AuSable River near Lovells. Hence the name for the road, Twin Bridges. The river split around an island and one bridge got a car to the island and the next bridge got it back to the mainland.

Since then the road has been straightened and in 1969 the bridges were replaced with four culverts.

The structure has served the

citizens of this county well, however as the accompanying pictures show, nature is attempting to reclaim the sides of the structure - trees twenty feet tall are growing out of the concrete, pieces of concrete are missing (at least one of them is visible in the river) or in the process of sliding into the river and there is a serious hole on the shoulder of the road that goes all the way down to the river.

The road is already heavily travelled by the National Guard in the summer and when the section of road connecting Crawford County to State Road in Otsego

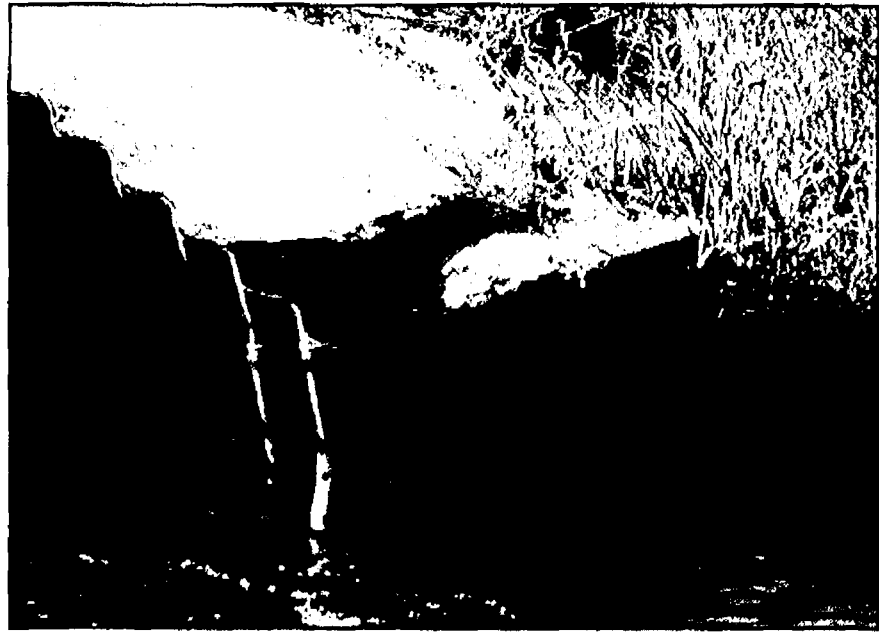
County is paved by the end of next summer, vehicular traffic is expected to increase significantly.

Concerns about the safety of the bridge were raised at a recent meeting of the Lovells Township Zoning Board.

Don Babcock Managing Director of the Crawford County Road Commission said the bridge is safe. The hole on the shoulder which leads directly to the water is between the culverts and not a problem with the structural integrity of the culverts. He added that they are looking at ways to correct the erosion problems.



This hole in the shoulder of the road where Twin Bridges Road crosses the North Branch of the AuSable River connects directly to the river.



This series of pictures shows the degradation of the concrete edges of bridge on both the upstream and downstream sides.

County ordered to pay court's legal fees

In a July 7 ruling by the State Court of Appeals a three judge panel unanimously upheld the June 11 decision of Circuit Court Judge Dennis C. Kolenda ordering Crawford and Kalkaska Counties to pay for the 46th Circuit Trial Court's legal fees accumulated during the dispute over retiree income and health benefits for employees of the Trial Court.

Crawford County has been ordered to pay \$357,524.11 of the \$715,048.22 total. Kalkaska County which has already paid \$1,000 has been ordered to pay the remaining \$356,524.11.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will meet with their attorneys and members of the Kalkaska County board in early August to discuss their options.

Lovells Township park to get new playground equipment

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

At their July board meeting, the Lovells Township board unanimously voted to purchase new playground equipment for the township park.

The old equipment is outdated and does not meet current safety standards. The new equipment which is designed for children from age two through 12 will be

similar to that found in the Grayling Township Park.

According to township officials the new equipment is not likely to be available until sometime in September.

When the new equipment does come, township officials will be asking for volunteers to help install the new equipment under the supervision of a company representative.

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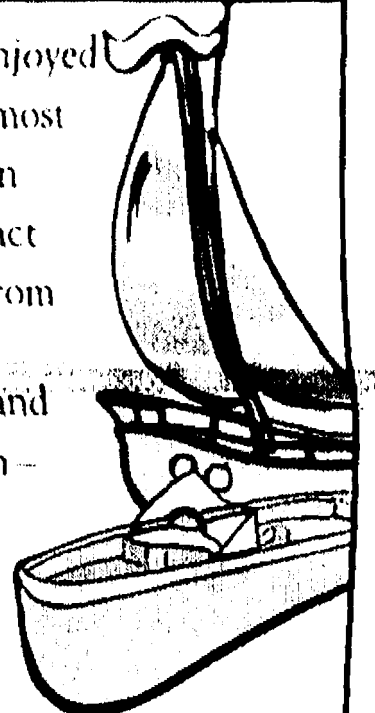
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Crawford AuSable school board elects officers

Crawford AuSable School District board president Karl Schreiner administered the oath of office to new trustee Jane Lange who won the June election for the seat vacated by Marilyn Rosi who opted not to run again.

The board then underwent their annual reorganization and Karl Schreiner was reelected president, Carol Ramaswamy was reelected vice president,

Jack Pilon was elected secretary and Bill Dean was elected treasurer.

Business manager Mike Dunkel was named chief election officer.

Schreiner and Pilon were appointed members of the board policy committee

Ramaswamy and Lange were appointed to the District Improvement team.

Pilon, Bill Dean and Lewis Madill were appointed to the board finance committee.

Ramaswamy was named the voting representative to COOR.

COOR keeps same officers

The COOR Intermediate School District board voted to keep the same officers for the upcoming school year.

The officers for 2004-05 are Robert Carpenter president, Roderick Martin vice-president, Bernadine Dosch secretary and William Langendorfer treasurer.

Carpenter administered the oath of office to new trustee Rodney Robertson before the reorganization vote occurred. Robertson defeated long time board member Larry Roggow in the June election.

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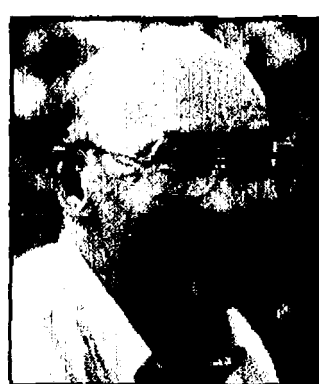
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Political conventions seriously outdated

WHILE DEMOCRATS gather in Boston next week to nominate officially John Kerry as their candidate for president and John Edwards for vice president, perhaps the most important question of the day won't even be raised.

Republicans will dodge the same question at their national party convention in New York City in about a month.

That question is simple: Why?

The answer is just as simple: There is no logical reason why political parties continue to hold national conventions. They do not serve the purpose for which they were designed.

Times have changed, needs have changed, goals are different, but the convention myth remains. National party conventions should be abandoned.

In fact, the entire system by which candidates for president and vice president are selected cries for overhaul.

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NATIONAL PARTY conventions

originated to replace earlier nominating systems which were outdated and not working well.

The first Democratic national convention in 1832 nominated Andrew Jackson, one of the earlier politicians considered as a common man of the people.

When Republicans became comparatively well organized, they embraced the party convention system beginning in 1856, with John Fremont as presidential nominee.

The convention system developed in the early days of the republic, when political party structures were just getting started, and worked reasonably well for about a century.

America has been in the presidential selection business for more than 200 years now. Purposes and needs have changed, but the system - or at least a vestige of it - remains in place.

Nominating candidates is the business of the national party convention in name

only. All partisan decisions are made long before.

So why keep the convention? They have become partisan farce.

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IN THE 1800s and early 1900s, communication and travel across the nation and even within a state were difficult. For party delegates to select national candidates who would reflect their views was a good way of doing it.

This system developed its own inner system - the dreaded smoke filled room. It, too, was a logical development. Party leaders got together in a micro version of a convention to sift their options and often rammed their choices through the convention.

As communications and travel improved, and ordinary voters still were shut out of nominating presidents, a new reform system developed. Primary elections and party caucuses around the country replaced the smoke filled room,

and the nominating convention itself.

But under the guise of reform to permit ordinary voters to choose their nominees, primaries and caucuses also have failed.

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IN TRUTH, only a relative handful of voters in a few selected states - Iowa, New Hampshire, other early primary states - usurp the power of nomination. Millions of voters throughout the country have no voice in who the nominees will be.

Instead, another version of the dreaded smoke filled room has developed, with selection of nominees by the elitist few.

The candidate who raises the most money in the shortest period of time usually can control the primary-caucus system, so big donors and big fund raisers in a new smoke filled room have taken charge.

Candidates are solidified so early -

and media coverage is so broad and detailed, and spread over such an extended time - that education of the voter by spotlighting a convention is redundant.

As for writing a party platform, both parties seek to appeal to such a broad spectrum that neither party will take pioneering or incisive positions on most meaningful issues. Besides, party platforms rarely appear after convention time.

So the national conventions have disintegrated into a broad and lame attempt to gain free publicity. Only the hard core party faithful - already committed one way or another - pay any attention.

There ought to be a better way to nominate presidents. National conventions serve no meaningful purpose any more.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

By Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor

Grayling Township has received many questions recently concerning the refuse disposal, user-fee proposal which will appear on the August 3 primary ballot. I will attempt to explain the proposal so you make an informed decision when you come to the township to vote.

Currently, Grayling Township charges \$40 for a trash decal between October and the end of the year, and \$50 after that. The decal, when displayed on your vehicle allows you to dispose of your household trash at the Grayling Township Compactor on North Down River Road, on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday.

The sale of the decals raised just over \$60,000 this year.

In order to purchase your decal, property owners, currently, must come into the town hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. The cost of the decal is set every year by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees. Recycling has been free to all Crawford County residents.

If passed, the ballot proposal would set the fee at \$43 for four years for every property in the township, both residential and commercial, which is not vacant. Decals would be mailed to each property owner as an insert with their December property tax statement, beginning in December of this year.

The increased revenue from the increased number of decals would be used to offset the cost

of operating, maintaining, repairing and improving the Grayling Township Compactor and Recycling Center. Recycling would remain free to all county residents.

The proposal is projected to raise approximately \$157,000 per year. The current cost of operating the compactor and recycling center is about the same.

If the proposal passes, the township will no longer have to subsidize the cost of trash disposal and recycling. Your \$43 user fees will pay the bill, and money which now subsidizes the compactor/recycling operation will be available for other general township improvements.

Just for your information, the cost to haul the 40-yard dumpster in which you throw your trash, to the landfill, is almost \$1,800 per week, or more than \$60,000 per year. And Grayling Township pays a lot less, because of volume, than most other townships pay.

The cost for large item disposal will not change. It will still be available at the compactor, and you will still have to pay a small fee for each large item.

Grayling Township, by law, can neither support nor oppose this ballot proposal. We can only offer the facts and the opportunity for the electorate to decide their wishes on this issue, and that is what I have done. Please vote on August 3.

EDITOR

Mel goes to Canada

To the editor:

Catherine Rigg of British Columbia was looking for a new puppy when she saw Mel, a lab/hound mix puppy, on our petfinder website. Catherine emailed about Mel saying he was exactly what she wanted and that lab mixes, especially mixed with hound are very hard to find in British Columbia and in Canada. Catherine was wondering if we could find a way to unite her and Mel. I told her getting Mel to the Canadian border would be no problem so she contacted the Humane Society in Sault Ste Marie who said they would help. One of Catherine's relatives volunteered and we were off. Ruth, Catherine's aunt, drove down from Canada and picked Mel up. She took him to Canada and got the health certificate so he could fly to Vancouver where he would be picked up by his new mom. Then Mel and Catherine took the ferry ride to the small island where they live.

I was a little nervous about a long distance adoption where the new owner has only seen a picture. My worries were for nothing. Catherine says Mel is much more than she ever hoped for.

He has already mastered sit and come and has never had an accident in the house. Mel's new "dad" is a commercial salmon fisherman and they have discovered Mel just loves salmon.

We all love stories like Mel's. We are fortunate that we get to hear a lot of them at the animal shelter. As you know, we try not to euthanize any of our charges, there are always a few where there is no other choice. It is very expensive to keep animals alive and find them new homes. It is much cheaper to euthanize weekly and keep your numbers down than it is to treat those that are ill or injured. Food bills are astronomical and of course there is the cost of help to care for everyone. You should all be aware that we cannot do these things without donations.

Our donations have dwindled to a dangerous, all time low and we are spending more money than we are taking in. If we cannot find a way to make more money we will be faced with making some decisions no one wants to make.

Dixie Lobsinger
Animal Shelter of
Crawford County, Grayling

Longtime land owner in Beaver Creek takes family, business elsewhere

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the letter from Bill Nicholas.

Some fifteen years ago, my family and I decided to purchase some land we settled on Beaver Creek Township. We purchased a lot that was already being camped on and already had a shed on it with a septic. The following year we got the necessary permits from the county and put a well in.

Now, after all these years, the township said we can no longer camp there just because it's not 2.5 acres. Through the years, our family has grown to over twenty-five people. During the season there would be an average of two families a week up there. This year there was to be a family reunion there with about 100 people in attendance. This weekend alone would have put thousands of dollars in the local economy.

Three years ago I purchased two more lots to build a new home in the same area.

After being kicked off our property we decided not to build there. My wife and I do not want to be in a community where we are not welcome.

We decided we will not sell our property, we'll just hand it down from generation to generation.

The Township newsletter said they issued permits for some one million in new construction. That adds up to seven to ten houses. Our family spent more money in entertainment up there then these houses will generate in taxes and we're just one family.

But not to worry, we have moved to another county and purchased other land where we are welcome. So, for Beaver Creek and Crawford County, I hope for your sakes at election time the residents and business owners take their county back before it's too late, if you don't, picture yourself as another Detroit.

Roger Kroetsch
Cass City

Concern raised about DNR's level of authority, treatment of campers

To the editor:

What should have been a minor incident at Jones' Lake campground at 11:30 Saturday evening (moving a pickup that was parked across the road instead of on the campsite) quickly escalated into a noisy fracas. We believe it was caused by the arrogance and blatant misuse of authority by the two DNR officers involved.

They were not there to quell a loud or disruptive party, but ordered, not asked, the owner of the vehicle to move his pickup or they would have it towed away. Because he had been drinking beer, he asked them to move it for him. They said they could not do that. They did not suggest that another camper could move

the vehicle for him. Instead of using tact and diplomacy, they resorted to profanity and physical coercion, as did he, when he did not comply, eventually handcuffing the camper and taking him to jail.

There were children at the site who were awakened and frightened by the actions that took place, and other campers called the police to intervene. They would not respond because the DNR has jurisdiction over the campsites. If the officers of the DNR cannot use common courtesy in the discharge of their duties, perhaps they need additional training or their duties should be restricted. We truly felt this incident was not handled well.

Joni and Tom Kaiser
Midland

Resident raises questions, concerns about clear cutting

To the editor:

What is wrong with DNR? All this clear cutting is just dumb. (Have you seen the corner of North Down River and Red Oak?) Are they making too much money on timber sales? Now they can't stop. Who accounts for all these thousands of dollars they receive? Who audits them?

One reason given is the warbler. Poor excuse. The DNR is trying to steal nesting pairs from Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ontario, so they can justify all this mess. It takes forest away from the deer, rabbits, etc. These birds have always been around and will be here long after we are gone.

It looks like the DNR is going to keep doing this until Crawford County is like it was back in the

eighteen hundreds. (Have you seen the corner of I-75 and 612?) These places look like a war zone. What a mess. What is the DNR thinking?

Years ago they had "Control Burns" That they couldn't control. They burned private land, homes, DNR equipment and at least one worker. So they stopped that practice. (Have you seen M72 East?)

There must be a lot of money being made on these clear cuts. I wonder who's General Fund it ends up in. Now I wonder, what other excuse they will come up with to justify all this cutting.

This is my land and I want it stopped.

Gary Worden
Frederic

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BRIEFS

Animal Shelter part of River Fest

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County will once again participate in the AuSable Canoe Marathon River Festival with a booth located at the corner of Peninsular and Michigan Avenue on Saturday, July 24, where a variety of pet related items will be for sale to raise funds for the daily operations and construction of a new shelter. There will be T-shirts, Disney-themed bandannas, support buttons, pet treats, people treats, 2005 calendars, cookbooks and more. The shelter is also beginning its big raffle of a new 2005 Dodge Durango SLT. Tickets are \$100 each.

Rotary Club to hold annual BBQ

The Grayling Rotary Club will be holding its Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 24, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at American Legion Post #106 on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the door or from any Grayling Rotarian. All proceeds go for community good works.

Reminder to all parents and guardians

District Health Department #10 would like to remind all parents and guardians of children in Crawford County that vaccines are required for your child for all licensed day care providers or services and school settings. If your child is between 4 and 19 years of age, they may need vaccines. Please review their immunization records and call your local family doctor or local health department for information and appointments before school starts in August/September 2004. The District Health Department phone number is 348-7800.

Hunter Safety training class offered

The Grayling Sportsman's Club is offering a Department of Natural Resources "Hunter Safety Training" class on Wednesday, July 28 from 6 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class will be held at the Grayling Sportsman's Club and attendance at both sessions is required to be awarded the DNR Orange Card. Class size is limited to 40 students. For more information or to enroll, call Jim Smith, evenings, at 348-1202.

Friends of the Library to hold book sale

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual used book sale at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street, on the following dates: Wednesday, July 21 from 2 to 6 p.m.; Thursday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will not be a book sale on Saturday, July 24. The proceeds from the book sale will go to continue to support children's and family programming and to offset the price of a laminator requested by the library staff. Please note the correction of times from July 15, 2004 Avalanche Marathon Schedule of Events.

St. Mary's announces Mass change

St. Mary's Catholic Church would like to inform the community of the change in Mass services for the Canoe Marathon Weekend. Masses will be held on Saturday, July 24 at 4:30 and 6 p.m.; and on Sunday, July 25, Mass will be held at 10 a.m. only. There will be no 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 25.

Garden club to hold perennial plant sale

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will be holding a perennial plant sale July 23 and 24 in the City Park during the Craft Sale. The hours are Friday the 23rd, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday the 24th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Opus Mime comes to town

This Thursday, residents of Crawford County will have a chance to see a mime who has studied with the best and brightest in the world.

Michael Lee, a master level student of Marcel Marceau, has been creating original mime pieces since 1983. He has also continued his studies both in America and in Europe during this time.

The programs often combine mime with singing, drumming, even painting, so audience members can learn, create and perform.

His shows are tailored so the entire family can enjoy the experience.

Opus Mime, which is part of the summer reading program offered by the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County



Michael Lee's interactive show "allows children to stretch their abilities and expand their thinking."

Library, will be at AuSable Primary Thursday, July 22, at 1 p.m.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club
Week ending July 18 - winners of \$25 each: Carl Neilson, Ken Vaughn, Bill Golnick and Scott MacLeon.

Grayling Lions Club
The Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week 9 is Kate Brown of Ossineke.

Nature camp offered for children

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Children looking to have a good time while learning about their environment should be interested in the Gahagan Nature Camp at the Marguerite Gahagan Nature Center in Roscommon County.

"It's a wonderful thing. They'll have a great time," said camp volunteer Roberta Werle. The day camp will be held on July 27-29 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Kids will have fun with arts and crafts and other special surprises. The camp is recommended for children ages 7-12. Admission is \$5 per child.

Children in families with a family membership to the nature center get in free. Parents are welcome to join their kids. On July 29 there will be a free family evening with live entertainment.

Visit the CRAF Center in Roscommon or call at 989-275-4975 for a registration form. The camp is limited to 30 participants per day, so register early. Mail completed registration forms to:

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Center, P.O. Box 421, Roscommon, MI 48653.

For more information, call Tom Dale at 989-275-8206 or Karen Demers at 989-275-8603.

KCC To Offer Office Systems Classes Through M-TEC

Kirtland Community College is offering its full array of office information systems classes at its M-TEC facility in Gaylord starting this fall.

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For more information on office information systems classes through the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord, or Kirtland's Roscommon campus, phone (989) 275-5000 Ext. 237, or visit the college's new website at: www.kirtland.edu

Contest seeks Christian poets

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest, sponsored by Christian Fine Arts Society, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1,000 grand prize, totaling more than \$4,000.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane Fishers, IN 46038. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is July 31, 2004.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Lavender Aurora, the organization's Contest Director. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or a poem of praise, one that inspires the reader.

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On The Ballot: August 3 Primary Election

Grayling Township

In the race for two Grayling Township Board trustee seats, there are five Republican candidates and one Democrat. The two Republicans who receive the most votes in the August 3 primary will face Democrat Carolyn DiPonio (and any independents who meet the filing requirements) in the November general election.

The five Republican trustee candidates are: Dale E. French (incumbent), Lacey Stephan III (incumbent), Shawn M. Krayses, Dennis J. Long, and Geraldine "Jeddy" Hood.

The township's supervisor, clerk, and treasurer positions are also up for election. All three spots will each have two Republicans and no Democrats on the August 3 primary ballot.

Candidates include: **supervisor** - Terry Wright (incumbent), Lynnette Sue Corlew; **clerk** - Monica Ashton (incumbent), Phyllis A. Huffman; **treasurer** - Ruth O'Mara (incumbent), Cheryl Ruley. The primary election winners in each of these races will advance to the November general election, where they will face no opposition from Democrats.

The Crawford County *Avalanche* mailed questionnaires to each candidate in a contested August primary election race, and their responses were the basis for the following brief profiles (supervisor, clerk, and treasurer candidates were featured in last week's *Avalanche*):

Dale E. French
Republican (Incumbent)
Running For: Trustee
Dale E. French (no photo provided), Territory Manager for Professional Manufacturers Representatives, Inc., retired from the U.S. Army in 2001.

"I would like to work on the vision for the township, where we are headed for the next 10 years. I can assist in setting a direction and be a team builder during this process," French said. "Information concerning residents of the township needs to always be available in a timely manner. This sharing of information will be one of my goals. Participation in our township budget process and review, while staying within our budget, is a responsibility of a trustee and one that I will accomplish."

French said he is running for office "to act as an individual who has been placed in a position of public trust to manage the affairs of our township for the best interests of the residents of our township."

"Reduced funding coming from the state" is the main problem facing Grayling Township, he said.

French and his wife Bonnie have one daughter, Jenny.

French enjoys reading, traveling, and canoeing in his spare time.

Geraldine "Jeddy" Hood
Republican
Running For: Trustee

Geraldine "Jeddy" Hood, the Executive Director for Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, is a former township supervisor (eight years) and currently serves on the Grayling Township Planning Commission.

"I want to be on the township board because I have experience in township government and see some of the same problems here in Grayling that were present in my last community back in 1968. Issues of growth management, economic development, and environmental protection posed difficulties that were not always handled well and my hope is to assist Grayling Township in avoiding the same mistakes," Hood said.

"If elected, I will demonstrate my ability to be fair, thorough, and work together with the other board members to listen to what the residents want and work toward solutions. I would like to see better communication with residents and a better working relationship with the county, city, and Camp Grayling. At the very least, consistent reporting of Township Board meetings in the *Avalanche*," she said.

"Crawford County seems to be having an identity crisis, and I sense a lack of cohesiveness and

purpose. Because the county, city, and township are all located in such a small area, there should be better communication among the governmental boards. Instead, each seems to be heading off in opposite directions or in the same direction without communicating with each other. Each entity has strengths that, if pooled, could address mutual problems more efficiently. Let me give an example: The county, city, and township all have rules or ordinances created to better all the communities and yet none of them seems willing or able to enforce them. I have suggested that if each entity dedicated \$5,000 to hire a part time code enforcement officer that would report to each entity to address code violations, some of the issues such as blight might be resolved. I also think that the government's responsibility is to the resident and that it should assist the residents in educating them about the ordinances and working with them to find a solution. In the short term, this might cost the communities some money, but as blight issues are resolved, there will be less need for these costs. It makes no sense to issue a ticket of violation when the solution is way beyond the resident's ability to correct the problem, and sometimes the community must dedicate dollars to assist with violation resolution. Each entity needs to step up to their responsibility to their constituents in a fair and meaningful way."

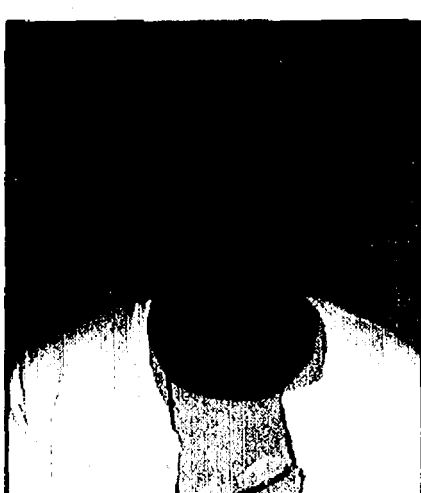
"Grayling Township has identified its own issues of growth, blight, and economic development, however there seems to be no clear plan to implement solutions. The township does not communicate enough with its residents and does not seem to involve them in solving issues. Everyone seems terrified of 'growth,' but thoughtful, careful, controlled growth can be accomplished if the township will work with interested companies that can bring more jobs and economic stability to our area," Hood said.

"Because Michigan law requires partisan elections, it should be the pledge of all candidates to work together for every resident without concern for their party affiliation. I have a track record of consensus building, fairness, negotiation experience, and I listen!" she said.

Hood is a divorced mother of four grown daughters.

Her hobbies include gourmet cooking, gardening, kayaking, reading, fly tying, and volunteering in the community.

Shawn M. Krayses
Republican
Running For: Trustee
Shawn M. Krayses (no photo



Geraldine "Jeddy" Hood

provided), a law enforcement officer and Michigan National Guard member, has served as Undersheriff the last two-and-a-half years, "managing budgets, planning, organizing, and sustaining police and jail operations at the Sheriff's Office," he said.

"If elected, I hope to hold office with the same level of professionalism and integrity of those whom have served before me. I would like to maintain and expand on the organization's effectiveness through community involvement and commitment," Krayses said.

"As a member of this community for over 36 years I have learned that it is more effective if you become part of the solution than to be part of the problem. My wish to get involved in township government is solely to provide the leadership and organization that will continue to promote our community as a fun and interesting place to visit and live," he said.

"The issues facing Crawford County are not unique to just our community. We come to expect a level of service that has slowly been reduced over the last several years due to a shrinking tax base and increased level operating. The fix is not an easy one and my only hope is to help Grayling Township with an enthusiastic and dedicated presence," Krayses said. "If chosen to serve the great citizens of Grayling Township I would make one promise. The promise is to become part of the solution."

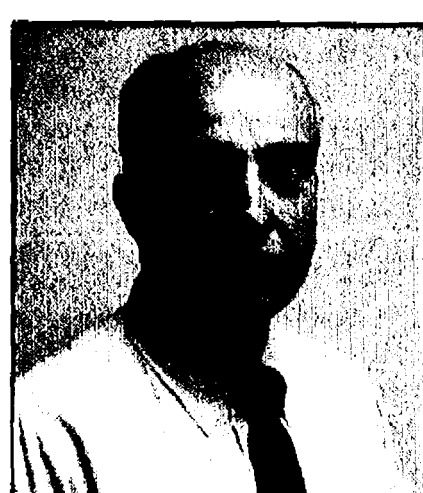
Krayses and his wife Joanne have a son, Shane, and a daughter, Shae-lin.

In his spare time, he enjoys camping, golfing, and working on his house.

Dennis J. Long
Republican
Running For: Trustee

Dennis J. Long, a police officer, served four terms on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners (1990-98). He has been a public employee for 32 years as a police officer in Saginaw and Grayling, and he also served with the United States Coast Guard.

"I would like to give to the community some of my time and



Dennis J. Long

talents to address new ideas to make Grayling Township a safe, friendly, and pleasant place to live for all its residents," Long said.

"I would hope to address the lack of police protection for township residents between the hours of midnight and noon. I would also like to work on the lake use issue and bring a reasonable solution to all parties involved. I believe that the township should concentrate more on quality of life issues for residents. The township should spend more time on enhancing its natural qualities and less on commercialization," he said.

"As for problems facing Grayling Township and Crawford County as they relate to each other, I believe one word can sum them up, 'priorities.' Communities must first establish their priorities. Those priorities must reflect the consensus of all the members of that community," Long said.

"Elected officials are sometimes referred to as community leaders. I believe the term used should be community servants. The job of government is to collectively provide only those services that individuals find either impractical or impossible to provide for themselves," he said.

Long and his wife Judy have three daughters: Jenny, Kinmy, and Tammy.

Long enjoys golf, jogging, and boating in his spare time, and he is active with the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Church of Grayling.

Lacey Stephan III
Republican (Incumbent)
Running For: Trustee
Lacey Stephan III - No response.

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"Should Grayling Township add an annual user fee of \$43.00 to the property tax bill of every improved property within the township (improved properties are those which are not vacant), to cover the cost of a refuse disposal permit at the Grayling Township Compactor?"

"The \$43.00 annual fee will not include the disposal of large items such as furniture, appliances, metal, etc.

"This fee will first appear on the December, 2004 tax bills for refuse disposal during the calendar year of 2005, and will be repeated each successive year for a period of four consecutive years.

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Ceremony honors soldiers, local businesses

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Camp Grayling Soldiers and Grayling Business were awarded for their contributions to recent military operations on Sunday, July 18 at the Army National Guard Freedom Salute Ceremony.

Soldiers were awarded primarily for their efforts in Operation Noble Eagle, which was comprised of Homeland Security and Homeland Defense missions in Michigan. Noble Eagles missions included establishing extra security measures at bridges and borders across the state. Noble Eagle operatives were also responsible for tightening in and around Camp Grayling after 9/11.

"I can't tell you how proud I am to be part of this organization," said Brigadier General Howard Taylor in an address to the crowd. Taylor hosted the ceremony, which also honored local businesses and organizations which were influential in making Operation Noble Eagle a success. The Distinguished Center of Influence Award was presented to the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. This award represented support from all Grayling businesses, which have "consistently supported U.S. Armed Forces, according to an event

press release.

The 2004 Patriot Award, which recognizes a local business that has shown exceptional support to Camp Grayling over the past year, was given to Bob Koutnik of the Fox Run Country Club.

"We're grateful to you everyday," said Koutnik to the assembled soldiers in his acceptance speech. The final business owners to be honored were Keith Miles and Sandy Coe of Fay's Motel, who contributed to Camp Grayling's Family Support Program. Their contributions to the program made life a little easier for soldiers deployed to Camp Grayling.

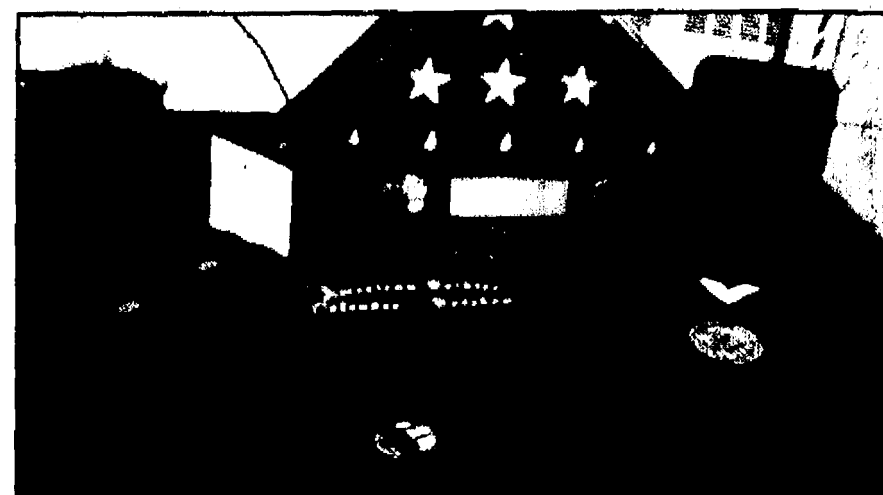
"We just want to say, we can't do what you do, but we sure as hell can support it," said Miles to the troops. Following the business awards, individual soldiers and their families were honored for their contributions to Operation Noble Eagle, as well as support to operations such as Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"I was honored to get recognized for what we've done," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bruce Dale, Jr. Approximately 180 soldiers were honored with Freedom Salute Campaign Awards. As part of the award, soldiers each received an encased American flag, lapel insignia, certificate of appreciation and commemorative coin. Spouses and children were also honored for their support. Spouses received a commemorative lapel pin and children got a "Future Soldier Footlocker Kit," which contained a game and other fun collectibles.

"The soldiers aren't only receiving (the awards). It's the families that are here with them," said Staff Sergeant Bruce Dale the 3rd, who was present with his father. Soldiers also received a Center of Influence Medallion to give to whoever helped them the most during recent military operations. This might include a busi-

ness, close friend or other source of support. Put simply, soldiers were given these honors for their unwavering support of our nation. Command Sergeant Major

Terry P. Richardson, who explained the Freedom Salute Campaign Awards said to the soldiers, "You are the Guard. I think today this says it all, right here."



These are the awards presented to each soldier. It includes an American flag, lapel insignia, commemorative coin and a certificate of appreciation. Spouses received a commemorative lapel pin and children received a "Future Soldier Footlocker Kit" containing games and Army National Guard trading cards.



This local Grayling family was one of many to receive the Freedom Salute Award. Approximately 180 soldiers and their families received the award. Pictured above receiving their Freedom Salute Award is Rene and Kathy Trudgeon with their family. Presenting the award was Brigadier General Taylor (far left) and Colonel Anderson (far right).

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OPINIONS

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There are many reasons to support the library millage

To the editor:

During my several years of volunteer professional service to the Crawford County Library System, I have become familiar with not only the building of the Devereaux Memorial Library and upgrades of the Frederic and Lovells branches, but also its operations since completion of these projects.

As the citizens of Crawford County consider a millage vote of 0.45 mills for Library Operational Funding, I believe more facts are needed for voters to make an informed decision.

Here is a summary of fiscal facts, as I know them, rounded off to appropriate numbers:

- No property taxes on county general funds have gone to the Crawford County libraries for

operation funding in the past.

- The financing for the new library and branch upgrades through the year 2000 Bond Issue (supported by 2000 capital funds millage with its 0.35 mills actual rate for 15 years), supplemented by over \$700,000 in private donations resulted in a planned remainder fund in excess of \$200,000 (designated for library building maintenance, equipment and utility costs).

- The total County Library System yearly operational budget is \$270,000.

- How are operational costs funded presently?

- a) \$130,000 ± Penal fines from our area District Court plus a small amount from the circuit court.

- b) \$10,000 ± State Funding.

- c) \$14,000 ± Donations, book sales, interest.

- d) \$83,000 ± Withdrawal from Utilities & Maintenance Fund

- e) \$33,000 ± Withdrawal from Library General Fund

- The proposed operational millage, if passed, would not stop penal fines or state funding from allocation to the library in future years.

Obviously all library reserve funds will soon be depleted and designated operational funds are needed.

I believe that the Library System is presently being operated efficiently and is effectively serving the community with its present staff and library board. Extensive volunteer worker service is supplementing the staff.

Nearly all of our neighboring

counties fund their library operations with property tax millages in addition to their penal fine allocations. Some counties and municipalities have library taxes up to 1.5 mills.

Libraries are an especially good value to citizens with lower incomes. Poor and rich can each receive the same services free at your library.

I encourage the citizens of Crawford County to vote for the Library Operational Millage on August 3.

Ed Parks
Volunteer, Architectural
Engineer and Administrative
Consultant to The Crawford
County Library
West Bloomfield

By supporting the library, you support gaining knowledge

To the editor:

On Tuesday, August 3, voters in Crawford County will be asked to approve a .45 millage to operate Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library and its branches for eight years. Here are some thoughts about the values of a library to a community:

- A library offers our community a safe place for enjoyment, discovery, and fellowship that sets the experience apart from all others. Coming to the library offers hope, and leaving the library offers the rewards of a good book, a companion on loan, with whom you will share your time.

- A library is a place where our citizens experience democracy, not only through history books, but because it serves

young and old, the sick and the well, rich and poor, all races, all people. We don't have to be extraordinary to attend, and our ability to select what we learn and how we will learn it is one of our greatest freedoms.

We all have had the anticipation of the next great book, the journey it offers, delaying the reading of the last few pages so we can savor the story and all that it has taught us.

Every time a tax question appears on the ballot there are a number of voters who will simply vote "no." In the case of the Library there are a number of excuses ranging from "I never use it" to "I can't afford any more taxes." Please think carefully before acting.

Our Library is an integral part

of our community which serves as a gathering place, offers a meeting room, provides books for our children from before they go to nursery school until they graduate from high school and offers programs for all reading levels.

The book collection covers subjects that adults don't think they will be interested in - until they need to know something about cooking, or car repair, or health, or philosophy, or any of thousands of other topics. Can you honestly say you've never been there? Can you say you know everything there is to know and won't need the Library's services sometimes soon?

A viable public library makes Crawford County an attractive place to live and adds to the qual-

ity of life for many. An approved millage supports locally available library services with local accountability. Your support of Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library is a cost-effective means of assuring that every member of our community has access to current informational and recreational materials and services for less than the cost of a daily newspaper.

Please consider this: A library tax is the only tax where you directly get back more than you pay just by using your library a few times a year!

Do your civic duty responsibly and cast your vote YES to keep our new library well funded on August 3 millage election.

Sinan Toprak
Grayling

Resident proud of 911 service

To the editor:

I just wanted to tell you a little story that happened to me three or four weeks ago.

I live in a log home and I had an addition put on my home three years ago. I went under the house about 9 a.m. to do some maintenance work.

My wife has some health problems and we have a caregiver who comes to our home on Tuesday mornings and helps my wife and does a lot of work around the house and I could hear them upstairs while I was under the house working and they could hear me while I started putting plastic felt on the ground so no moisture could come through, and I was not making any noise.

They couldn't hear me for three or four hours and at 2:30 p.m. they started to worry about me because I have had some health problems in the past.

They tried calling to me, but I did not hear them so they called 911. It went over the air to cars in the area and a lot of deputies know me and knew I had a health problem, and before I could get out from under the house there were two deputies under the

house hollering for me.

I was really embarrassed to think that my wife and caregiver called 911. When I got out from underneath the house there were five or six deputies four EMS and their ambulances, fire and rescue were there, my neighbors came running over. I was really overwhelmed with all the people that could get there in just a short time, like two minutes at the most, my wife said from when they called 911.

There are two reasons why I am writing this letter, one of them is that it's great to know all the people that responded to that 911 call; you guys are not only friends you are all a big plus to this community.

The other reason I am writing this letter is because I am asking you to support the Crawford County 911 surcharge. It is something I believe that we cannot do without, I know in the last four years I have used them two different times myself.

When you call, they will be there and believe me, if you call, you need them.

Lloyd Crawford
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Wild animals make Summer Reading Program a continued success

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Children were filled with awe at the AuSable Primary school on Thursday, July 15 when wild animals were brought in from the Howell Nature Center. The visit was part of the library's Summer Reading Program, and was used as inspiration for kids to use the library's facilities to learn even more about these fascinating creatures.

"This is the largest crowd we've had for one of the summer programs," said volunteer children's librarian Judy Clyma. The Howell Nature Center brought in animals that are incapable of living in the wilderness, mostly due to human interference. These included a ferret, red tailed hawk, opossum, skunk, great horned owl and flying squirrel. At the end of the program, kids won prizes in a random drawing.

"I think the kids were certainly interested in it," said Clyma. The

host was filled with little-known facts about each animal. For example, few in the crowd would have guessed that the opossum has more teeth than all other Michigan mammals and has been around since the time of the dinosaurs.

Corresponding with this event, the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library has expanded the children's book section to include all animal books that were originally available in the adult sections. This ensures that children will not have to go far to find out more about their favorite animals from the visit.

This week, the Summer Reading Program continues with an appearance from a mime. Overall, these special activities are continuing to have a positive impact on the kids.

"We're really excited about how much they're reading this summer," said Clyma.



Howell Nature Center presenter Kathy France discusses characteristics of the opossum with a sizeable crowd of kids and parents. Kids were fascinated by these unusual creatures.



Kids learn about the red tailed hawk. They were also taught how to respond to finding injured animals near their homes.

Motorcycle rally nets Relay for Life \$1,000

Submitted by Monte
Burmeister

In its continued commitment to universal community service, the Grayling Rotary Club con-

tributed an additional \$1,000 to Relay for Life, making the actual total \$15,000 for this area.

The additional contribution was the result of local Rotarians Monte J. Burmeister and Wayne C. Koppa, riding the Minnesota 1000 on June 26, 2004. The Minnesota 1000 is a motorcycle rally run in a 24-hour period. The rally starts at 10 a.m. on a Saturday.

Riders are expected to ride for 24 hours until 10 a.m. Sunday with the goal of reaching 1000 miles and hitting certain bonus locations during the ride for extra points. All riders are judged on the amount of bonus locations reached, miles traveled and whether or not they actually finish the rally.

Being of unsound mind, and having decided to run the rally, Burmeister and Koppa sought pledges from Grayling Rotary Club members and others in the community for each mile they traveled.

With the benefit of 2 1/2 hours of sleep during the 24-hour rally period, the Rotarians rolled into the rally finish at about 9:15 a.m. Sunday morning. The search for bonus locations led them west into South Dakota, south into Nebraska, with additional stops in Iowa and finally back to Minnesota.

Mechanical problems in South Dakota looked like they would create an extended visit for Burmeister. But, after a roadside

ride continued. In the end, Burmeister garnered 823 miles on his vintage 1968 BMW R60/2. Koppa garnered 877 miles on his slightly newer BMW. Fred Fedak, who traveled along as safety consultant, garnered 866 miles on a 2003 Harley Davidson.

With Burmeister and Koppa's miles totaled up and pledges counted, with some miscellaneous pledges for the safety consultant, the Rotary Club was able to send an additional \$1,000 to Relay for Life.

Terry Bloomquist, who was one of the pledgers, said, "It's an irresistible combination when you can assist in the fight against cancer and get Monte out of town. Everyone wins."

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4th Annual Black Bear Bicycle Tour set for July 25

Race to feature bicyclists chasing canoes during AuSable Marathon

For over 56 years canoes have paddled through the night from Grayling to Oscoda in what is considered by many to be the number one canoe marathon in North America — the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. For three years bicyclists have given the canoes an 11-hour head start riding a 100-mile route Sunday morning from Grayling to Oscoda in an effort to catch as many canoes as possible as they approach their destination near the shores of Lake Huron.

The Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour will also allow riders to pair up with one rider covering the 56 miles between Grayling and McKinley with the second rider finishing the 100-mile trek to Oscoda.

"Many bicyclists would like to do what is referred to as a century, which is 100 miles, and this class may give them a chance to try a smaller part of the entire route. The people in McKinley have been really helpful over these last two years with our event so we decided it should be called the McKinley Class," Black Bear volunteer Wayne Koppa said.

The first year of the event,

2001, saw the riders arrive in Oscoda 18 minutes after the canoes. The fastest male rider was David Sweeney of Lapeer, who covered the 100 miles in front of a surprised crowd in 4 hours and 20 minutes. The fastest female was Bonnie Karas of Rochester Hills, who posted a time of 4 hours and 28 minutes.

The following year Sweeney again led the crowd with a time of 4 hours and 3 minutes with Karas leading the females with a time of 4 hours and 19 minutes. The bicycles were 2 minutes behind the canoes.

Going into the third year the bicycles had lost the race twice to the canoes but this was about to change.

Mark Sloan, spokesman for the Avita Water Black Bear, said, "One hundred and eighty seven riders left for Oscoda at 8 a.m. They had a very good tailwind and Mark Walls arrived in Oscoda 3 hours and 47 minutes later, several minutes ahead of the canoes. Bonnie Karas was the first female, the third year in this position, at an incredible 3 hours 49 minutes. T.J. Hill, age 70, covered the 100 miles in 4 hours and 17 minutes. Much of what happens between the canoes and bicycles depends on the water level and which way the wind is blowing. We have entries this year from California, Arizona, Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska and naturally

Michigan. We are really pleased with the response and a little surprised with the comments we receive on how everyone likes the riding area."

The Grayling Rotary Club is conducting the Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour to open up the opportunities of the area to cyclists looking for a challenging ride and some outstanding scenery, event organizers said.

The State Forest in the Mio area has been identified by Bicycling Magazine as one of the "50 Best Areas On The Planet To Ride."

"We wanted to develop an event that you could ride fast or slow. We keep the finish line open until 4 p.m. The road surfaces are very good and the Road Commissions have incorporated pretty good paved shoulders along the route. The AuSable Valley has great recreation opportunities with over 1,500 campsites, world class canoeing and fishing and a half dozen of the best scenic overviews in the Lower Peninsula. The bicycles are a perfect fit," Koppa said.

The racing canoes average from eight to nine miles per hour while a fast cyclist can average speeds of twenty-five miles per hour. The bicycles will be following the course of the river. A course map and additional information is located on the Internet at www.grayling-area.com/blackbear2004. Please check the

schedule and route, you may have the opportunity to see them on their way to Oscoda.

The fastest bicycle riders are estimated with arrival times for the following locations:

Depart Grayling — 8 a.m.
Arrive Mio — 9:48 a.m.
Arrive McKinley — 10:14 a.m.
Arrive Glennie — 10:45 a.m.
Arrive Oscoda — 11:50-4 p.m.

Any profits from the event will go to charitable Rotary efforts. The Grayling Rotary participates in many charitable efforts including scholarships, the construction of a local bicycle pathway and the international effort to eradicate polio from the planet. Additionally, they have purchased bicycle helmets for several years that are given free to children who participate in a Bicycle Safety Rodeo. The Grayling Rotary belongs to Rotary International.

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Wise Guys play at city park



The Wise Guys jam together in fine style. The Wise Guys played at the city park last Friday as part of the many activities being hosted by the City of Grayling this summer. They performed many classic rock hits, mostly from the 1970s. They attracted a large crowd, who came to enjoy the free show.

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Key Club honored by Grayling Mayor

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

While many kids are using their summer vacation to relax and recuperate from the busy school year, members of the Key Club have barely slowed down. On Thursday, July 15, Mayor Joe Ferrigan presented the Grayling Key Club an award recognizing their outstanding service to the community.

The Key Club, which is based out of Grayling High School, is a

division of the Kiwanis Club set up for youth who are interested in doing community service projects.

"We've come a long way. I'm extremely proud of them," said Club Advisor Ivan Bush. The Key Club received an Award of Appreciation for painting the bridge in the city park in addition to various other community projects throughout the year.

"I hope to see more kids involved," said Bush.

The club is always welcome to new members. High school students who wish to join may inquire at the high school this

fall.

The club emphasizes community enrichment projects while having fun as a group.



The Grayling Key Club receives an award in front of the bridge that they painted. Pictured, from left to right: Mayor Joe Ferrigan, Ariel Strohkirch, Scott Stilson, Jessy Wolford, Nick Fitzpatrick, Advisor Ivan Bush and Advisor Ada Murphy. Club members not attending the ceremony were Ashley Sawvill, Alexandra Mosel, Ashley Jurkovich and Natalie Christman.

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On The Ballot: August 3 Primary Election

Beaver Creek Township

In Beaver Creek Township, there are two races that will be contested in the August 3 primary election: supervisor and trustee.

Three Republicans are running for the supervisor position: Lee Riley (incumbent), Kathleen Mobarak, and Thomas Conforti. The trustee race, which involves two open seats, also has three Republicans: Linda Little (incumbent), Gary Summers, and Deanne J. Whiteside.

In the race for supervisor, the candidate with the most votes will go on to the November election. No Democrats filed for the supervisor position.

In the trustee race, the two candidates with the highest vote totals will advance to the November election ballot and will not face opposition from Democrats.

Incumbents Sharon K. Hartman (clerk) and Vivian D. Balmes (treasurer), both Republicans, will not face opposition from their own party in the August 3 primary and no Democrats filed for the positions either.

The Crawford County Avalanche mailed questionnaires to each candidate in a contested August primary election race, and their responses were the basis for the following brief profiles:

Thomas Conforti

Republican

Running For: Supervisor

Thomas Conforti is a machine operator for AJD Forest Products.

If elected, Conforti said he would, "let the township residents have a bigger part in the decision making. After all, I would be working for them. (I would) look into extending services now offered at lower or no cost and deeply research township expenses to see why things are costing what they cost and look for ways to cut the costs."

"Not that (current Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee) Riley isn't doing a good job, but my parents always told me if you see changes you would like to make, the only way to accomplish your goal is to take the steps to make the opportunity," Conforti said.

One of the county's main problem, according to Conforti, is lack of major retailers. "My personal view is watching Gaylord and Houghton Lake drawing major retailers into their area and no one seems to want them here even though you have to drive over 20 miles for a decent store. They would add to local taxes and relieve some of the burden from homeowners," he said.

In Beaver Creek Township, "I don't see any real problems but I would really like to know why so many people in the past year have sold their property and left the township. Why are so many more houses for sale and what is driving people out?"

"In recent weeks I've noticed an increase of police patrol in Grayling - local police, state police, and sheriff patrols ticketing people for no seatbelts. That's a real good idea but I feel

the bigger threat is people thinking the speed limit on Old 27 in Beaver Creek is 70 MPH and people in our area believing when you pull a trailer you should be going 80 or 90 MPH. I would try working closely with law enforcement to try and reduce this problem in the immediate area," Conforti said.

"We get the Detroit Free Press and while reading some of the articles it leaves me wondering why we contribute our fair share of tax dollars to the state and in return I feel we do not get our fair share in exchange. If put in office, that would be a major priority to investigate because we all know Old 27 and South Grayling Road are horrible to drive on. This has been an ongoing thing since I moved here eight years ago. I would work closely with MDOT and the county to address this issue," he said.

Conforti and his wife have four children ranging in age from 6 to 12. "The two oldest are awaiting completion of our new house for finalization of adoption," he said.

In his spare time, Conforti enjoys restoring classic cars, building furniture and home and lawn decorations from wood, outings with his family, fishing, swimming, riding ATVs, and boating.

Kathleen Mobarak

Republican

Running For: Supervisor

Kathleen Mobarak, a paramedic, has been a trustee on the Beaver Creek Township Board for 20 years.

Mobarak founded the Beaver Creek Community Reading Program, which has distributed over \$600,000 in free material to Beaver Creek and Crawford County residents. She is also a volunteer firefighter who has achieved firefighter I and II and fire officer I and II status. For five years, Mobarak has been president of the board of trustees of the Public Enrichment Foundation, one of two agencies that serve Michigan directly under the guidance of the State of Michigan's Department of History, Arts & Libraries.

"This is my community, the people who live here are my neighbors. I feel strongly that government is in place to serve the community and people who live in it. I have had to overcome many of the problems my neighbors have. I believe I can help them," Mobarak said. "Beaver Creek is a beautiful community with wonderful residents. I want to keep us beautiful and strong and environmentally safe. I want the people of this community to have their voices heard by their governing body."

If elected, Mobarak said her priorities would be: "(1) I will strive to keep taxes to a minimum as I have the past 20 years; (2) Keep a balanced budget; (3) Control spending; (4) Provide greater community services for the tax dollars we pay; (5) Provide more community input for township issues. (I would) implement a township-wide public forum wherein the residents can openly and freely discuss issues and concerns without time constraints on their comments, without prejudice."



Thomas Conforti

The main problems facing the county: "(1) Budget is a disaster; (2) Imported trash fails to keep us environmentally sound; (3) Public has little, if any, voice regarding issues; (4) Police protection outside the city is virtually nonexistent during the overnight; (5) the inter-department, inter-agency bickering and demands, either reasonable or unreasonable, are tearing the county apart; (6) Services are becoming less due to budget problems."

In Beaver Creek Township, the main problems are: "(1) Public has very little input on township issues; (2) Increasing amounts of trash dumping in woods; (3) Controversy regarding resident trash removal; (4) Minimal services for tax dollars spent; (5) Township and county wide I see our youth growing up and moving away. We need to provide positive employment to keep our families together."

"As supervisor, I will be both available for and accountable to my constituents. I will continue to hear your concerns and research avenues to resolve them. You are my neighbors. Together we can make Beaver Creek strong, united, serene. Help me to help you," Mobarak said.

Mobarak has two children, Jay Mobarak and Chelle Merrill, and two grandchildren, Levi Manor and Patrick Merrill.



Kathleen Mobarak

In her spare time, Mobarak enjoys gardening.

Lee Riley

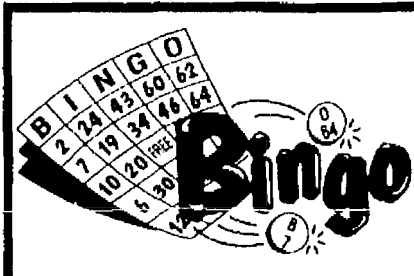
Republican (Incumbent)

Running For: Supervisor

Lee Riley, Beaver Creek Township Supervisor and Level 2 Assessor, is currently nearing the end of his second term as supervisor. Riley served one term on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, served on the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department for six years, and has served as the Frederic Township Assessor since December 2000.

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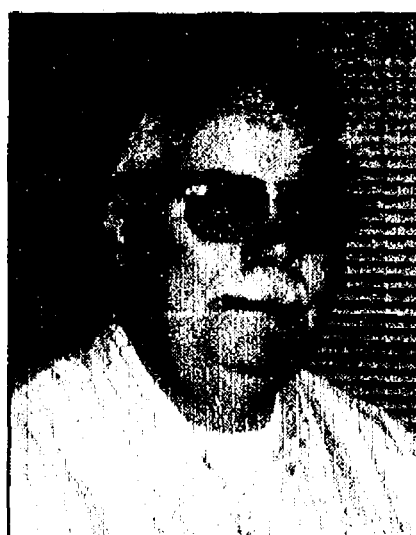
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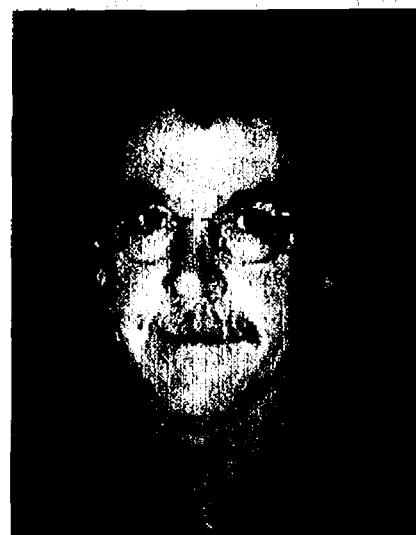
On The Ballot: August 3 Primary Election



Lee Riley



Linda Little



Gary Summers



Deanne J. Whiteside

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 served as the Frederic Township Assessor since December 2000.

"I believe the township supervisor position is one I have been preparing for and educating myself for all of my adult life. I am very fortunate to have been elected for two terms and enjoy the job very much. I enjoy the challenge of serving my community and make myself available to solve problems for the people of Beaver Creek and Crawford County," Riley said.

"I hope to be a part of the continued success of Beaver Creek Township. As a community we have built facilities dedicated to service and recreation. Our township offices, community center, park, and fire department were all well-planned and very functional without being elaborate. I'm proud of the fact that I have had a hand in all of those accomplishments. It is my hope the voters will allow me to continue to work with the township board, the various departments, the commercial and industrial interest as well as the voters themselves. I would like to encourage new industry and business in the township. There is room for improvement and upgrading our beautiful park. We are a growing community and as we grow our constituents will expect new and improved services. I look forward to being a part of that growth," Riley said.

"Crawford County has way too much state-owned land. We also have state government that has a tendency to forget that the state extends north of M-57. Revenue will always be a problem for this county until the State of Michigan makes better decisions concerning state land," he said.

"Beaver Creek is in pretty

good shape and for the most part we are able to deal with problems. As always, revenue is the concern. Over the last two or three years, state revenue sharing has been cut each year. It is my goal to maintain our facilities, programs, and services we currently offer in Beaver Creek. This is difficult in itself, and then you have to consider where the money is coming from for expansion or new programs," Riley said.

"I believe local units of government should always be looking for ways to make our community better. An example would be the scrap tire clean-up just undertaken in Crawford County. It took a lot of planning and work, but it shows what our elected officials can do. It is even more satisfying to have a hand in bringing elected officials and volunteers together to work on a project. I'm very fortunate to live and work in this community and I appreciate the fact that my neighbors are willing to share their time and energy for the benefit of all," Riley said.

Riley and his wife Elaine have two adult children and five grandchildren.

In his spare time, Riley enjoys family activities, CMU football, working on his lawn, camping, computers, and digital photography.

Linda Little

Republican (Incumbent)

Running For: Trustee

Linda Little is currently a trustee on the Beaver Creek Township Board. Other governmental experience includes three years as deputy clerk.

"I feel that it is a privilege to serve my community as trustee. The people can trust that I will respect their concerns and I will do my very best to address issues that are directed my way," Little said. "I will continue with my interest in zoning, which is just getting started. There is so much more to learn and accomplish. Also to continue with park improvements that provide our township a beautiful place to have picnics, weddings, reunions, meetings, church services, and safe fun for the children. I will keep my honesty and optimism as I serve the people."

"The main problem facing the county is 'financial difficulties in the midst of population growth.' Beaver Creek Township's main problem is also 'financial difficulty.'"

"The state has cut our revenue sharing, which is the main source of township income. While we wait for the state to recover, we

will continue to be cautious in spending," Little said.

"We have accomplished much through grants and dedicated people. The growth in our area proves that Beaver Creek is a desirable place to live and enjoy the north," she said.

Little has been married for 31 years and has two grown children.

In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, reading, canoeing, motorcycling, and bird watching.

Gary Summers

Republican

Running For: Trustee

Gary Summers works in customer service/sales. He was a Beaver Creek Township trustee for two years and served on the Beaver Creek Tax Board of Review for four years.

"I am very interested in being involved with the growth and development of the community, and being a voice of the people who live in Beaver Creek. Having lived in Beaver Creek for 20 years and seeing the changes, I think it's important to have people in office that understand what the people in this community like and dislike, and to work and help them with their desires," Summers said.

"If elected, my major goal is to make the people living in Beaver Creek believe that they do have a voice in the way the township operates. The purpose of the township board is to operate for the community and the people, not for what the township board wants. We have an outstanding community here, with beautiful scenery and great people. We need to do our best to keep it that way," he said.

"I believe the biggest concern in the county is keeping our school system strong. Good schools make great communities for all of us. Another challenge is keeping jobs in our county. Without jobs, everyone is affected. Also, I believe our police departments and sheriff's departments need to be supported," Summers said.

"I don't feel our township has any major problems. We do need to, however, make people feel they do have a voice in what happens in the community. We need people involved. We also need to keep working on our trash and township dump policies. Never ending, never perfect. Also, the great population increase is always a challenge. Trying to keep a community from major changes with more people is always a concern," he said.

"All of us who live in Crawford County know what a

beautiful area we live in. Most of us don't want that to change. That's the hardest thing to accomplish for public officials, keeping it all and making it better."

Summers and his wife of 25 years, Gwen, have a daughter, Ciara, 11.

His hobbies include lawn/yard work at home, deer hunting, riding dirt bikes and ATVs with his daughter, boating, snowmobiling, and coaching basketball.

Deanne J. Whiteside

Republican

Running For: Trustee

Deanne J. Whiteside said the biggest issues facing Crawford County and Beaver Creek Township are "growth" and "funding."

"The township and the county are currently undergoing many changes, the biggest of which is growth. New housing and commercial and industrial business will provide an influx of money and employment, which are desperately needed in this area, but with growth also comes the downside of larger city problems, some of which we have already experienced in our township," she said. "As always, funding is a major problem for all areas. I think the difference between wants and needs has been lost and that better choices must be made to reduce the current spending level and cut expenses in general in Beaver Creek Township."

"As a member of the management team with the Postal Service, I was involved with personnel, record keeping, scheduling and planning, budgets, deadlines, and finances. Although I have not had experience with local government, there are many similarities. It will be most interesting and a welcome challenge to serve you as your trustee. I have been involved in the community since moving to this township. I have worked on the picnics and co-hosted the Halloween parties for the community. I have received the Good Neighbor Award and am a member of the Higgins Lake Advisory Committee representing Beaver Creek," she said.

"I attend the monthly meetings and would like to see more community participation. I believe that my personal integrity, honesty, and attention to detail will be most beneficial to the position," Whiteside said.

Whiteside is married and has three children.

She enjoys traveling, camping, crafts, and fundraising for the animal shelter.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 96 complaints the week of July 12 - July 18:

Nine traffic accidents, five accidents-non traffic, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident-fire, one accident-all other, two boats, four motor

vehicle inspections (school bus), two civil matter disputes-family, three suspicious situations, two lost and found property, one suicide, three missing persons, 14 general non-criminal, two delinquent minors, nine false alarm activations, two assault/intimidation/stalking, three larceny, four

damage to property, 12 public peace/disorderly, three OUIL/UBAL, four health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, seven driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

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VOTE

In the Primary Election
on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2004

2004 AuSable River Canoe Marathon Entry List

(As of final cut-off, noon on Monday, July 19)

Note: Teams are listed in the order in which they are scheduled to compete in time trials/sprints for position.

Canoe #	Name	Name	Sprint Day/Time			
00	Robert Bradford	David Phelps	Thursday 5:00	01	Andrew Triebold	Steve Lajoie Thursday 8:10
20	David Teddy	Tim Sheldon	Thursday 5:05	39	Pete Mead	Bill DuBois Thursday 8:15
94	Bill Smutek	Frank Smutek	Thursday 5:10	26	Craig Jacobs	Jeff Baerlocher Thursday 8:20
42	Sean Casey	Jon Thompson	Thursday 5:15	79	Brian Royce	John Fundenberg Thursday 8:30
19	Debbie Perry	Joseph Seifert	Thursday 5:20	72	Neal Sand	Mark McAndrew Thursday 8:35
46	Cheryl Lucey	John Lucey	Thursday 5:25	07	Brad Bauer	Nick Bauer Thursday 8:40
23	Ashley Marsh	Brad Spies	Thursday 5:40	97	David Dahl	Ed Arenz Thursday 8:50
47	Jeff DeFeo	Susan Morris	Thursday 5:45	34	Matt Streib	Mandy Trudgeon Friday 2:00
11	Rick Joy	Louis Berthiaume	Thursday 5:50	50	Joey Kimsel	Rodney Matthews Friday 2:05
70	Garth Greenan	John VanHouten	Thursday 5:55	28	Steven Landick	Greg Nelson Friday 2:10
64	Peter Heed	Randy Martin	Thursday 6:00	84	Nathan Winkler	Connie Cannon Friday 2:15
43	Tad Hill	Mike Hartman	Thursday 6:05	27	Ed Lazar	Dwight Walker Friday 2:20
24	Karen Levitt	Abby Kingman	Thursday 6:10	88	Barb Bradley	Allen Limberg Friday 2:40
87	Rodney Halstead	Ryan Halstead	Thursday 6:20	49	Chris Scully	Oscar Cordon Friday 2:45
96	Tricia Heed	Tom Warner	Thursday 6:25	83	Tom Ackemeyer	Ray Bauer Friday 2:50
76	Josh Sheldon	Josh Taylor	Thursday 6:30	12	Chad Brandt	Mike Thomsen Friday 2:55
17	Linda Taber	Frank Taber	Thursday 6:35	68	Lee Jarpey	Keith Canny Friday 3:00
99	Jason Snell	Rejean Huard	Thursday 6:40	33	Jeff Rankinen	Todd Roadman Friday 3:20
06	Allan DuBois	Gareth Stevens	Thursday 6:45	136A	Mark Noorman	Rob Pease Friday 3:25
90	Robert Smith	Doug Moggo	Thursday 6:50	18	Bruce Byrnes	Russ Reker Friday 3:30
66	Steve Watson	Dwayne Barnes	Thursday 6:55	30	J. Messerschmidt	Matt Cottrell Friday 3:35
54	Lynne Witte	Stephanie Larsen	Thursday 7:15	05	Jeff Janish	Theresa Janish Friday 3:40
16	Jeff Kolka	Serge Corbin	Thursday 7:20	03	Mo Harwood	Matthew Rimer Friday 4:00
62	Ray Trudgeon	Thomas Trudgeon	Thursday 7:25	10	Ted Smutek	Amy Solak Friday 4:05
85	Doug Howard	Gloria Wesley	Thursday 7:30	37	Ron Trojanek	Dave Piehl Friday 4:10
93	Alfred Borchers	Brian Borchers	Thursday 7:40	89	Alex Lisbey	Daniel Cruz Friday 4:15
36	Michael Garon	Dave Timmerman	Thursday 7:45	14	Bill Torongo	Clark Kent Friday 4:20
22	Colin Hunter	Fred Mills	Thursday 7:50	98	Devin Arenz	Brett Arenz Friday 5:15
02	Jim Harwood	Denis Berthiaume	Thursday 7:55	09	Al Widing, Sr.	Jerry Killingbeck Friday 5:20
57	Doug VanMeter	Jon Webb	Thursday 8:00	71	Joe Shaw	Guy Rousseau Friday 5:25
69	Matthew Smith	Bob Stockton	Thursday 8:05	08	Nick D'Amour	Dave Jensen Friday 5:35
				38	Matt Ashton	Erich Podjaske Friday 5:40

More than 60 teams to start '04 Canoe Marathon

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As of the final cut-off (noon on Monday, July 19) there were 63 teams registered for this year's AuSable Marathon, according to the event's website. Two teams that had originally signed up have withdrawn.

"It is not uncommon for last minute drops from the starting field due to injuries or illness. It is rare to start over sixty teams. This race is one of the most challenging canoe events nationwide and there are only a small number of paddlers capable of these distances under these conditions," said Joe Wakeley, Marathon volunteer.

Sixty-five teams started the 2003 AuSable Marathon, and 49 officially finished the event.

Last year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon winners - Jeff Kolka of Grayling and Serge Corbin of Quebec - will be going for a ninth consecutive AuSable Marathon championship in this year's race. A few of the top canoe racing teams (based on recent finishes in selected races) registered for the 2004 AuSable Marathon include:

Kolka and Corbin - Kolka and Corbin placed 1st in the 2003 AuSable Marathon and took 1st in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta in New York. Kolka, with Bruce Barton, finished 3rd in the 2004 Harry Curley Memorial Canoe Race in Oscoda.

Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie - Triebold and Lajoie took 1st in the 2003 Spike's Challenge, 1st in the 2004 Spike's Challenge, 2nd in the 2003 AuSable Marathon, 2nd in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta, and 2nd in the 2004 Harry Curley Race.

Matt Rimer and Mo Harwood - Rimer and Harwood placed 1st in the 2004 Harry Curley Race, 3rd in the 2003 Spike's Challenge, 2nd in the 2004 Spike's Challenge, and 5th in the 2003 AuSable Marathon. Rimer, with Bruce Barton, took 10th in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Jim Harwood and Denis Berthiaume - Harwood and Berthiaume took 6th in the 2004 Spike's Challenge. Berthiaume (with Tony Short) placed 6th in the 2003 Spike's Challenge and 3rd (with Short) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon. Harwood was 6th (with Matt Streib) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon, 9th (with Streib) in the 2003 Spike's Challenge, and 5th (with Steve Rankinen) in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Clark Kent and Bill Torongo - Kent and Torongo placed 4th in

the 2004 Harry Curley Race and 3rd in the 2004 Spike's Challenge. Kent was 7th (with Louis Berthiaume) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon. Torongo took 10th (with Bruce Barton) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon and 8th (with Steve Corlew) in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Rick Joy and Louis Berthiaume - Joy and Berthiaume finished 4th in the 2004 Spike's Challenge. Joy placed 5th (with Matt Ashton) in the 2004 Harry Curley Race, 4th (with Ted Kolka) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon, and 4th (with Ted Kolka) in the 2003 Spike's Challenge. Berthiaume was 7th (with Clark Kent) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon and 3rd (with Denis Berthiaume) in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Matt Ashton and Erich Podjaske - Podjaske took 7th (with Brad Bauer) in the 2004 Spike's Challenge, 5th (with Tim Valko) in the 2003 Spike's Challenge, 8th (with Brad Bauer) in the 2004 Harry Curley Race, and 8th (with Tim Valko) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon. Ashton was 12th (with Nick D'Amour) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon, 12th (with D'Amour) in the 2004 Spike's Challenge, and 5th (with Rick Joy) in the 2004 Harry Curley Race.

Dwayne Barnes and Steve Watson - Barnes and Watson took 5th in the 2004 Spike's Challenge and 7th in the 2004 Harry Curley Race. Watson was 14th (with Dave Jensen) in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta. Barnes finished 17th (with Nick D'Amour) in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta and 18th (with Amy Solak) in the 2003 AuSable Marathon.

David Teddy and Tim Sheldon - Teddy and Sheldon finished 11th in the 2003 AuSable Marathon, 13th in the 2003 Spike's Challenge, 8th in the 2004 Spike's Challenge, and 26th in the 2004 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Rodney Halstead and Ryan Halstead - The Halsteads finished 11th in the 2004 Harry Curley Race, 19th in the 2003 AuSable Marathon, 12th in the 2003 Spike's Challenge, and 9th in the 2004 Spike's Challenge.

Overall, the 2004 AuSable Marathon's starting field of 63 includes 11 mixed teams, two women's teams, and two amateur teams. Women's division teams include: Lynne Witte and Stephanie Larsen, and Karen Levitt and Abby Kingman. Amateur teams include: Jeremy Messerschmidt and Matt Cottrell, and Mark Noorman and Rob Pease.

Mixed teams include: Debbie Perry and Joseph Seifert, Cheryl Lucey and John Lucey, Jeff DeFeo and Susan Morris, Ted Smutek and Amy Solak, Jeff Janish and Theresa Janish, Barb Bradley and Allen Limberg, Nathan Winkler and Connie Cannon, Matt Streib and Mandy Trudgeon, Doug Howard and Gloria Wesley, Tricia Heed and Tom Warner, and Linda Taber and Frank Taber.

This year marks the 13th consecutive year of Weyerhaeuser title sponsorship of the AuSable Marathon.


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prestige and enables us to conduct the type of event which everyone in Grayling can be proud," said Tim Zigila, Marathon committee co-chair.

AuSable Canoe Marathon racing action will begin Thursday, July 22, with Time Trials/Sprints for Position, sponsored this year by Scott McNamara Ford-Mercurey of Grayling. Time Trials, a two-day event, features AuSable Marathon paddlers completing a looped course (including upstream and downstream paddling) to determine starting positions for the run to the river at race time on Saturday night.

Time Trials will be held from 5-9 p.m. on Thursday and 2-6 p.m. on Friday, July 23, at Penrod's.

The 57th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon starts at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 24. The pre-race program runs from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Ray's Canoe Livery.



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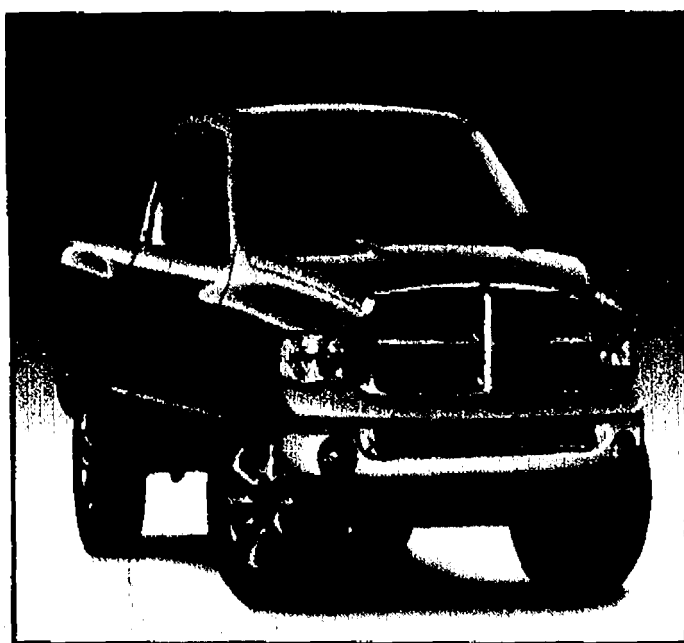


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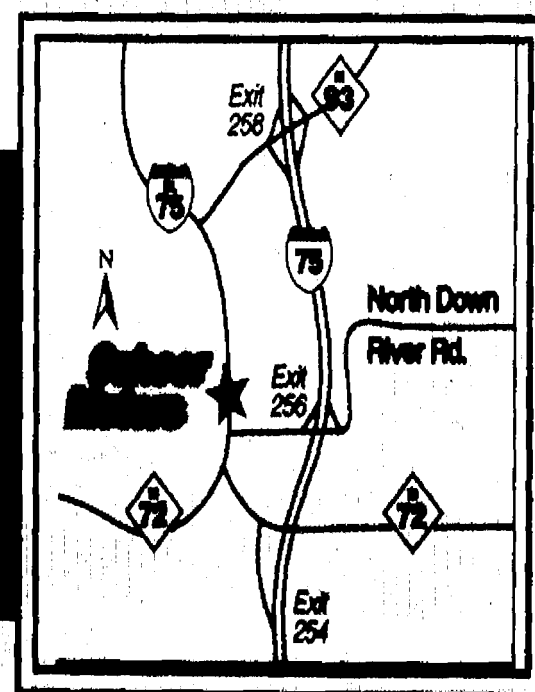
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■ 2004 Spike's Challenge C-2 Sprints for Position Results...Page 4-5B

■ 2004 Spike's Challenge C-1 Canoe Race Results...Page 6B

# **Triebold, Lajoie edge Harwood, Rimer in Spike's Challenge**

More than 50 teams race from Ray's to McMasters

■ **Defending champions win annual canoe race by four seconds**

In a race that was close all the way to the finish line, Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie edged Mo Harwood and Matt Rimer by four seconds to win their second consecutive Spike's Challenge C-2 race on Sunday.

The canoe race, which ran from Ray's Canoe Livery to McMasters Bridge, featured over 50 teams (including four amateur duos).

Triebold and Lajoie had a one-second lead at Burton's Landing, but Rimer and Harwood led at Stephan Bridge (by one second) and Wakeley (by two seconds). Triebold and Lajoie reached the finish line in 2:39:01, with Harwood and Rimer right behind them at 2:39:05.

Bill Torongo and Clark Kent took third, finishing about eight minutes behind the leaders (2:46:50). Rick Joy and Louis Berthiaume finished fourth (2:47:08), and Dwayne Barnes and Steve Watson placed fifth (2:48:38).

Jim Harwood and Denis Berthiaume, Erich Podjasko and Brad Bauer, Tim Sheldon and David Teddy, Rodney Halstead and Ryan Halstead, and Bruce Byrnes and Russ Reker rounded out the top ten.

The top mixed team was Matt Streib and Mandy Trudgeon (16th overall) at 2:57:10, followed by Debbie Perry and Joe Seifert (20th overall) at 3:01:42.

For more photos and complete 2004 Spike's Challenge C-2 race results, see Page 2-3B.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Paddling teams reach the AuSable River at Ray's for the start of the 2004 Spike's Challenge C-2 race on Sunday.



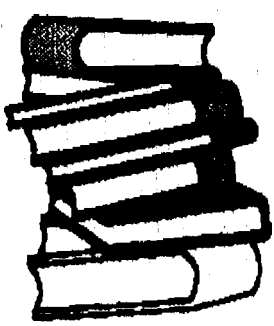
Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie, the eventual race winners, turn the corner at Burton's Landing with a slim lead over second place finishers Mo Harwood and Matt Rimer.



Third place finishers Clark Kent and Bill Torongo approach Stephan Bridge during Sunday's C-2 race.



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## Triebold, Lajoie edge Harwood, Rimer in Spike's Challenge



Dwayne Barnes and Steve Watson paddle past Burton's Landing. They finished 5th.



Ninth place finishers Ryan Halstead and Rodney Halstead pass Burton's Landing.



Nick D'Amour and Matt Ashton reach the finish line at McMasters. D'Amour and Ashton placed 12th.



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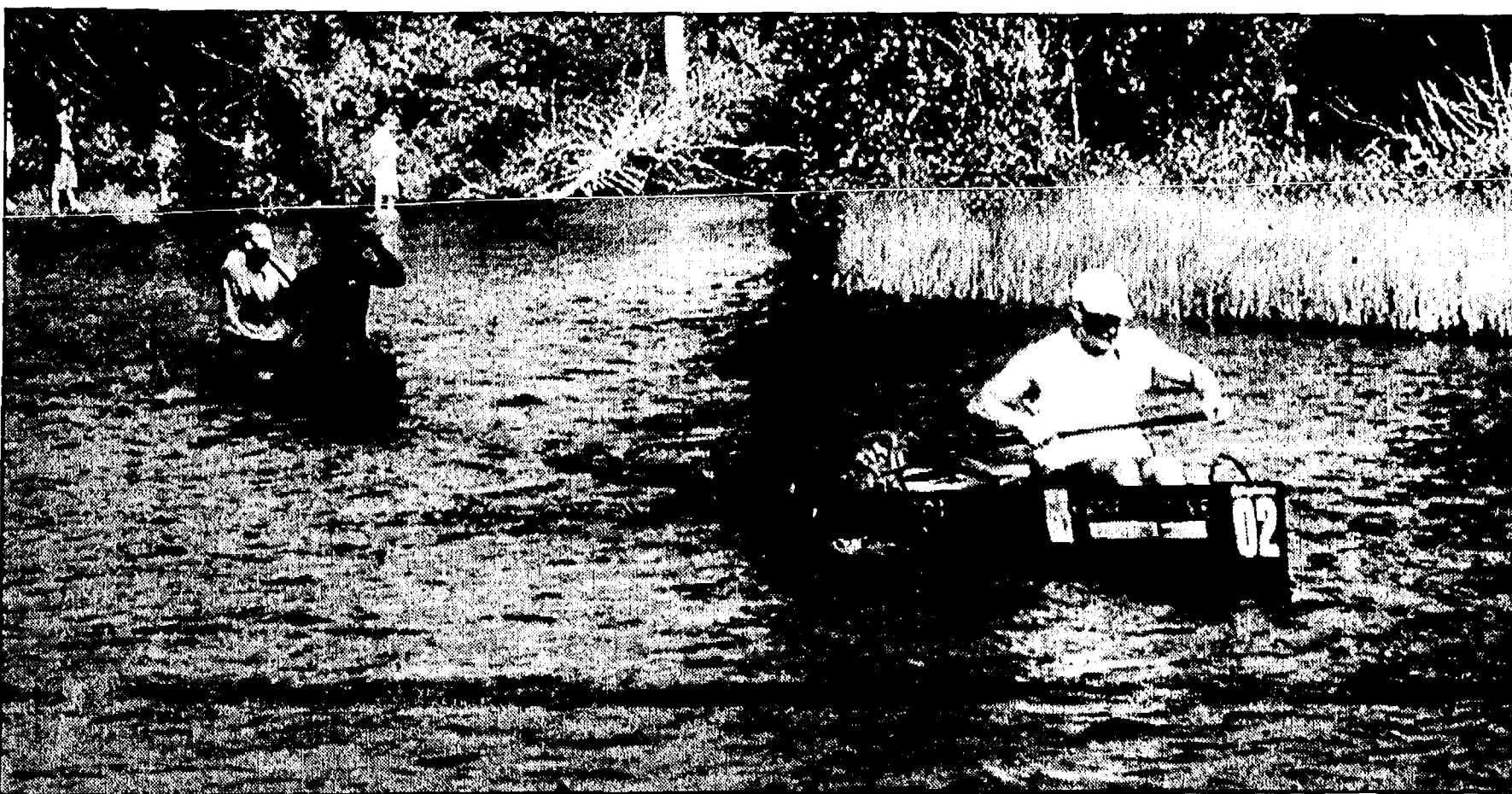
# Spike's Challenge C-2 Race Results

| Place | C canoe # | Name            | Name              | Time    |
|-------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| 01    | 1         | Andrew Triebold | Steve Lajoie      | 2:39:01 |
| 02    | 3         | Matt Rimer      | Mo Harwood        | 2:39:05 |
| 03    | 14        | Bill Torongo    | Clark Kent        | 2:46:50 |
| 04    | 11        | Rick Joy        | Louis Berthiaume  | 2:47:08 |
| 05    | 66        | Dwayne Barnes   | Steve Watson      | 2:48:38 |
| 06    | 2         | Jim Harwood     | Denis Berthiaume  | 2:49:16 |
| 07    | 7         | Erich Podjaske  | Brad Bauer        | 2:50:12 |
| 08    | 20        | Tim Sheldon     | David Teddy       | 2:50:15 |
| 09    | 87        | Rodney Halstead | Ryan Halstead     | 2:51:19 |
| 10    | 129       | Bruce Byrnes    | Russ Reker        | 2:52:22 |
| 11    | 35        | Ted Smutek      | Al Widing Jr.     | 2:52:58 |
| 12    | 138       | Nick D'Amour    | Matthew Ashton    | 2:54:40 |
| 13    | 76        | Josh Sheldon    | Josh Taylor       | 2:54:50 |
| 14    | 39        | Pete Mead       | Bill DuBois       | 2:55:30 |
| 15    | 40        | Colin Hunter    | Fred Mills        | 2:55:44 |
| 16    | 251       | Matt Streib     | Mandy Trudgeon    | 2:57:10 |
| 17    | 57        | Jon Webb        | Doug VanMeter     | 2:58:19 |
| 18    | 64        | Randy Martin    | Peter Heed        | 2:58:42 |
| 19    | 90        | Robert Smith    | Doug Moggo        | 3:00:25 |
| 20    | 0         | Debbie Perry    | Joe Seifert       | 3:01:42 |
| 21    | 43        | Mike Hartman    | Tad Hill          | 3:02:53 |
| 22    | 62        | Tom Trudgeon    | Ray Trudgeon      | 3:02:56 |
| 23    | 15        | Mike Garon      | Bill Schmitz      | 3:03:31 |
| 24    | 10        | Nate Winkler    | Connie Cannon     | 3:03:40 |
| 25    | 54        | Lynne Witte     | Joe Johnson       | 3:04:43 |
| 26    | 34        | Tom Cannon      | Carrie Montgomery | 3:04:48 |

|    |     |                   |                    |         |
|----|-----|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 27 | 9   | Jerry Killingbeck | Al Widing Sr.      | 3:04:59 |
| 28 | 42  | Sean Casey        | Jon Thompson       | 3:05:25 |
| 29 | 5   | Bruce Barton      | Rebecca Barton     | 3:09:48 |
| 30 | 28  | Greg Nelson       | Steven Landick     | 3:10:42 |
| 31 | 80  | Ed Lazar          | Dwight Walker      | 3:12:03 |
| 32 | 78  | Brian Krantz      | Charles Lannen     | 3:13:23 |
| 33 | 69  | Matt Smith        | Robert Stockton II | 3:14:20 |
| 34 | 82  | Willi Van Haren   | Beth Schluter      | 3:15:02 |
| 35 | 12  | Mike Thomsen      | Chad Brandt        | 3:15:30 |
| 36 | 46  | John Lucey        | Cheryl Lucey       | 3:17:10 |
| 37 | 24  | Karen Levitt      | Abby Kingman       | 3:18:33 |
| 38 | 116 | Gareth Stevens    | Janet Perry        | 3:22:01 |
| 39 | 131 | Alfred Borchers   | Brian Borchers     | 3:23:37 |
| 40 | 41  | Max Rimer         | David Phelps       | 3:32:29 |
| 41 | 170 | P.C. Randolph     | Phil Randolph      | 3:33:45 |
| 42 | 47  | Kevin Jansen      | Paul Jansen        | 3:36:33 |
| 43 | 95  | Rick Gillings     | Mindy Bennett      | 3:37:32 |
| 44 | V   | Garth Greenan     | John Van Houten    | 3:38:42 |
| 45 | 7   | Chad Swander      | Jake Swander       | 3:39:29 |
| 46 | 17  | Linda Taber       | Frank Taber        | 3:47:07 |
| 47 | 127 | Ron Trojanek      | David Piehl        | 3:47:11 |

| Place | C canoe # | Name             | Name          | Time    |
|-------|-----------|------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1     | 180       | Joseph Webb      | Brad Solak    | 3:43:57 |
| 2     | 9         | Corey Metzger    | James Walker  | 3:56:51 |
| 3     |           | J. Messerschmidt | Greg Kolonich | Drop    |
| 4     |           | Ross Maurders    | Evon Maurders | Drop    |

## Triebold, Lajoie edge Harwood, Rimer in Spike's Challenge



Jim Harwood and Denis Berthiaume lead Rick Joy and Louis Berthiaume at Burton's Landing. Harwood and Berthiaume finished 6th and Joy and Berthiaume placed 4th.



Bruce Byrnes and Russ Reker, the 10th place finishers, paddle past Burton's Landing.



Josh Sheldon and Josh Taylor reach McManis Bridge and finish in 13th place.

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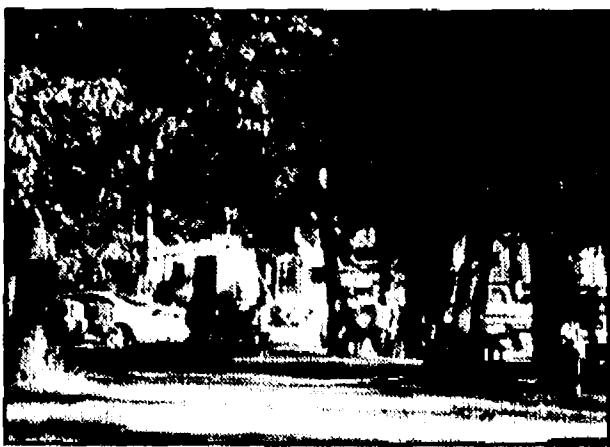
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# Top two teams finish one, two at Spike's race sprints

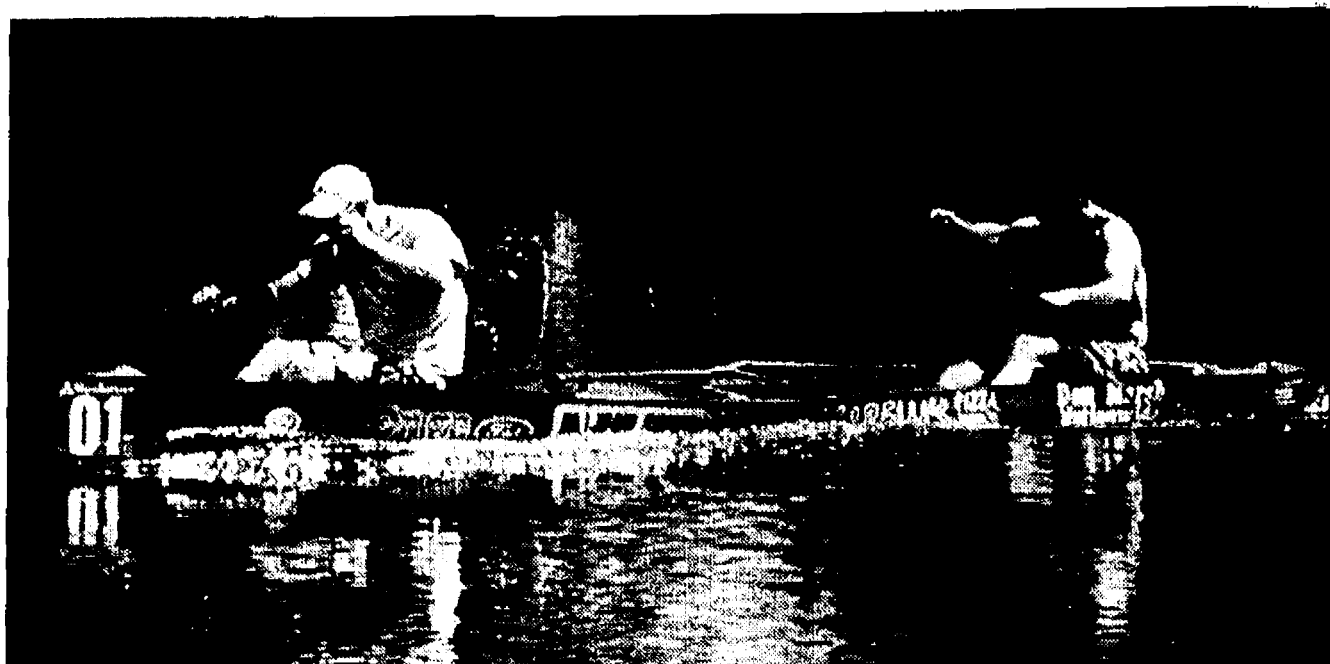
■ **Triebold, Lajoie finish one second ahead of Harwood, Rimer**

The first and second place teams in this year's Spike's Challenge C-2 canoe race finished in the same spots during the race's sprints for position event on Saturday.

Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie - the winners of the 2004 C-2 race - posted the best Spike's Challenge sprint time this year at 4:18.9, about one second ahead of the second place C-2 race team of Mo Harwood and Matt Rimer, who posted a sprint time of 4:19.7.

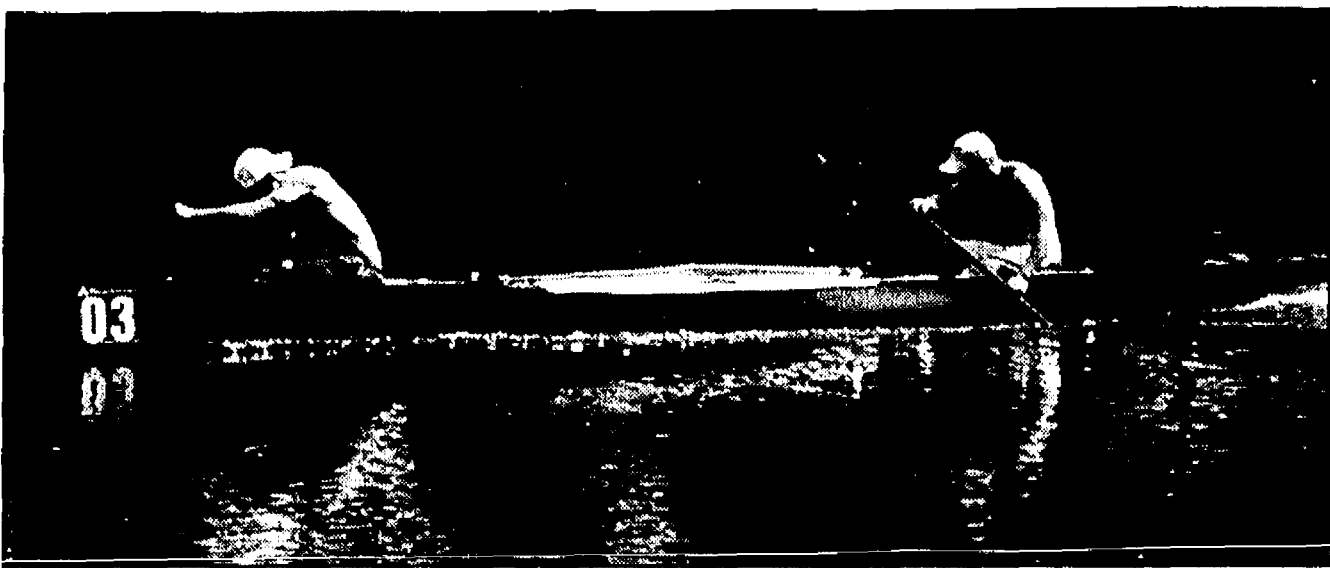
The other top ten teams at sprints (listed with their eventual Spike's Challenge C-2 race final placement) were: 3. Dwayne Barnes, Steve Watson, 4:40.5 (5th); 4. Erich Podjaske, Brad Bauer, 4:41.2 (7th); Jim Harwood, Denis Berthiaume, 4:43.5 (6th); 6. Bill Torongo, Clark Kent, 4:44.2 (3rd); 7. Rodney Halstead, Ryan Halstead, 4:45.0 (9th); 8. Rick Joy, Louis Berthiaume, 4:46.6

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 See "TOP TWO TEAMS..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie paddle in the sprints for position event on Saturday. Triebold and Lajoie posted the fastest sprint time of the day, edging second place finishers Mo Harwood and Matt Rimer (below) by one second.



## GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Donna Thomson  
 Wednesday Ladies League

On Wednesday, June 14, the Ladies League played, but our weather was pitiful! It started out cool and cloudy, then later, a fine mist. Hard to believe this very "different" summer.

These gals did incredible in spite of what the weather was, as in Flight A, Marilyn Hartman had a low net of 31 while Kathy Olson had low putts of 15.

In Flight B, Wendy Kucharek had a low net of 26, while there were five gals who tied for low putts of 16, and they were Sherry Hanson, Bev McNamara, Mickey Perez, Melanie Richardson and Balkis Shippy.

In Flight C, Juanita Brown had a low net of 28 and she also tied for low putts of 17 with Gloria Nielson.

There was one chip-in today, and that was by Wendy Kucharek on #7 which resulted in a nice birdie for her. Hole #7 was the lucky one this week as Bev McNamara and Shirley Schultz also had birdies there.

The special prizes this week of an insulated water bottle, donated by the Cornell Insurance Agency, were in Flight A, Bev Zimmerman, for the longest putt on #9. In Flight B, Wendy Kucharek, for the longest drive on #4. And in Flight C, Sharon France came closest to the pin on #5.

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| Place | Name            | Name               | Time    |    |                   |                   |         |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|----|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 01    | Andrew Triebold | Steve Lajoie       | 04:18.9 | 24 | Sean Casey        | Jon Thompson      | 05:18.9 |
| 02    | Matt Rimer      | Mo Harwood         | 04:19.7 | 25 | Jerry Killingbeck | Al Widing Sr.     | 05:21.5 |
| 03    | Dwayne Barnes   | Steve Watson       | 04:40.5 | 26 | Ed Lazar          | Dwight Walker     | 05:22.6 |
| 04    | Erich Podjaske  | Brad Bauer         | 04:41.2 | 27 | Lynne Witte       | Joe Johnson       | 05:22.7 |
| 05    | Jim Harwood     | Denis Berthiaume   | 04:43.5 | 28 | Bruce Barton      | Rebecca Barton    | 05:25.7 |
| 06    | Bill Torongo    | Clark Kent         | 04:44.2 | 29 | Mike Thomsen      | Chad Brandt       | 05:25.9 |
| 07    | Rodney Halstead | Ryan Halstead      | 04:45.0 | 30 | Greg Nelson       | Steven Landick    | 05:26.1 |
| 08    | Rick Joy        | Louis Berthiaume   | 04:46.6 | 31 | Tom Cannon        | Carrie Montgomery | 05:26.7 |
| 09    | Tim Sheldon     | David Teddy        | 04:53.1 | 32 | Brian Krantz      | Charles Lannen    | 05:35.0 |
| 10    | Ted Smutek      | Al Wilding, Jr.    | 04:53.3 | 33 | Willi Van Haren   | Beth Schluter     | 05:37.4 |
| 11    | Nick D'Amour    | Matthew Ashton     | 04:56.6 | 34 | Max Rimer         | David Phelps      | 05:43.7 |
| 12    | Pete Mead       | Bill DuBois        | 04:56.8 | 35 | John Lucey        | Cheryl Lucey      | 05:44.0 |
| 13    | Bruce Byrnes    | Russ Reker         | 05:01.8 | 36 | Gareth Stevens    | Janet Perry       | 05:50.8 |
| 14    | Josh Sheldon    | Josh Taylor        | 05:02.7 | 37 | Karen Levitt      | Abby Kingman      | 05:58.7 |
| 15    | Randy Martin    | Peter Heed         | 05:04.3 | 38 | P.C. Randolph     | Phil Randolph     | 06:12.2 |
| 16    | Jon Webb        | Doug VanMeter      | 05:05.5 | 39 | Garth Greenan     | John Van Houten   | 06:15.9 |
| 17    | Debbie Perry    | Joe Seifert        | 05:09.2 | 40 | Kevin Jansen      | Paul Jansen       | 06:17.6 |
| 18    | Robert Smith    | Doug Moggo         | 05:10.4 | 41 | Alfred Borchers   | Brian Borchers    | 06:25.3 |
| 19    | Tom Trudgeon    | Ray Trudgeon       | 05:10.7 | 42 | Rick Gillings     | Mindy Bennett     | 06:28.2 |
| 20    | Nate Winkler    | Connie Cannon      | 05:16.1 | 43 | Chad Swander      | Jake Swander      | 06:48.3 |
| 21    | Colin Hunter    | Fred Mills         | 05:16.3 | 44 | Ron Trojanek      | David Piehl       | 06:50.0 |
| 22    | Matt Smith      | Robert Stockton II | 05:18.2 | 45 | Linda Taber       | Frank Taber       | 07:03.5 |
| 23    | Mike Hartman    | Tad Hill           | 05:18.3 | 46 | Matt Streib       | Mandy Trudgeon    | DNS     |
|       |                 |                    |         | 47 | Mike Garon        | Bill Schmitz      | DNS     |

## Top two teams finish one, two at Spike's race sprints

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(4th); 9. Tim Sheldon, David Teddy, 4:53.1 (8th); 10. Ted Smutek, Al Widing Jr., 4:53.3 (11th).

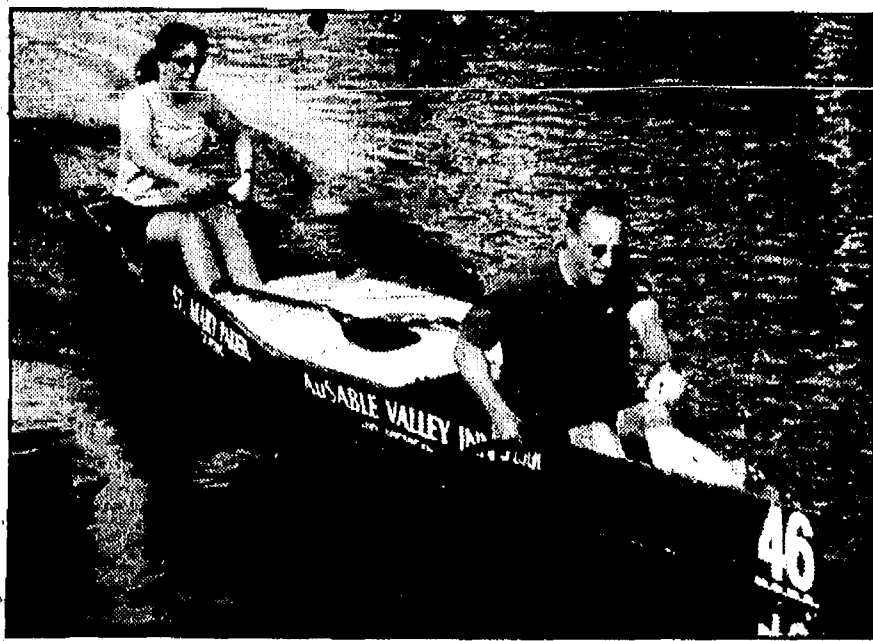
At sprints, paddling teams completed a looped course that ran upstream from the city park (near the pedestrian bridge) to a buoy past the railroad bridge near

the county building and downstream back to the starting line.

The times were used to determine starting positions for the run to the river on Sunday during

the start of the C-2 race.

Complete Spike's Challenge C-2 sprints for position results are listed on this page.



Cheryl Lucey and John Lucey close in on the bridge on the way back to the starting line.



Ed Lazar and Dwight Walker paddle the second half of their sprint loop on Saturday.

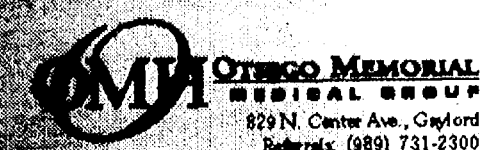


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Mike Hartman and Tad Hill (above) and Al Widing Sr. and Jerry Killingbeck (below) paddle in the Spike's Challenge sprints for position event.



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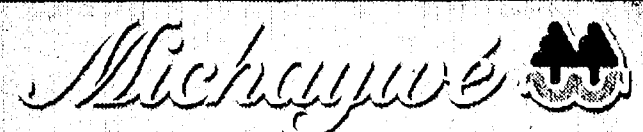
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## Spike's Challenge C-1 Race Results

### C-1 Expert Division

| Place | Canoe # | Name           | Time     |
|-------|---------|----------------|----------|
| 01    | 16      | Jeff Kolka     | 41:55:00 |
| 02    | X       | Andy Triebold  | 42:00:00 |
| 03    | 14      | Bill Torongo   | 42:11:00 |
| 04    | L       | Mo Harwood     | 42:15:00 |
| 05    | 62      | Tom Trudgeon   | 44:08:00 |
| 06    |         | Tim Sheldon    | 44:19:00 |
| 07    | 4       | Bruce Barton   | 44:35:00 |
| 08    | 157     | Jon Webb       | 44:42:00 |
| 09    | 138     | Matthew Ashton | 44:48:00 |
| 10    | 129     | Bruce Byrnes   | 44:52:00 |
| 11    | 112     | Russ Reker     | 46:04:00 |
| 12    | 25      | Tom Cannon     | 46:11:00 |
| 13    |         | Joe Johnson    | 46:41:00 |
| 14    | 12      | Tad Hill       | 48:04:00 |
| 15    | 126     | Brad Gross     | 49:11:00 |

|    |     |                 |          |
|----|-----|-----------------|----------|
| 16 | 116 | Gareth Stevens  | 49:31:00 |
| 17 | 9   | Al Widing Sr.   | 51:23:00 |
| 18 | 102 | Ross Maunders   | 51:31:00 |
| 19 | 55  | Forest Haines   | 52:54:00 |
| 20 | 58  | Joseph Webb     | 53:06:00 |
| 21 |     | Willi Van Haren | 53:16:00 |
| 22 | 0   | Don Brooks      | 53:53:00 |
| 23 | 107 | Garth Greenan   | 54:10:00 |
| 24 | 41  | Max Rimer       | 57:42:00 |

### C-1 Women's Division

|    |     |                   |          |
|----|-----|-------------------|----------|
| 01 | 10  | Connie Cannon     | 47:38:00 |
| 02 | T   | Beth Schluter     | 50:10:00 |
| 03 | 69  | Carrie Montgomery | 51:08:00 |
| 04 | 75  | Amy Solak         | 52:51:00 |
| 05 | 118 | Janet Perry       | 55:00:00 |
| 06 | 8   | Cassie Webb       | 55:23:00 |
| 07 | 37  | Rebecca Barton    | 56:37:00 |

## Kolka repeats as C-1 champ

**Jeff Kolka edges Andy Triebold to win C-1 Spike's Challenge race**

Jeff Kolka, who won last year's Spike's Challenge C-1 canoe race, repeated as champion this year, edging second place finisher Andy Triebold by five seconds in Saturday's race.

The 2004 Spike's Challenge C-1 race, which ran from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing, featured 31 paddlers this year.

Kolka took 1st (41:55), Triebold was 2nd (42:00), Bill Torongo finished 3rd (42:11), Mo Harwood placed 4th (42:15), and Tom Trudgeon took 5th (44:08).

Tim Sheldon, Bruce Barton, Jon Webb, Matthew Ashton, and Bruce Byrnes rounded out the top ten.

In the women's division, Connie Cannon, the 2003 Spike's Challenge C-1 winner, also repeated as champion this year. Cannon finished with a time of 47:38.

Beth Schluter was 2nd (50:10),

Carrie Montgomery finished 3rd (51:08), and Amy Solak placed

4th (52:51).

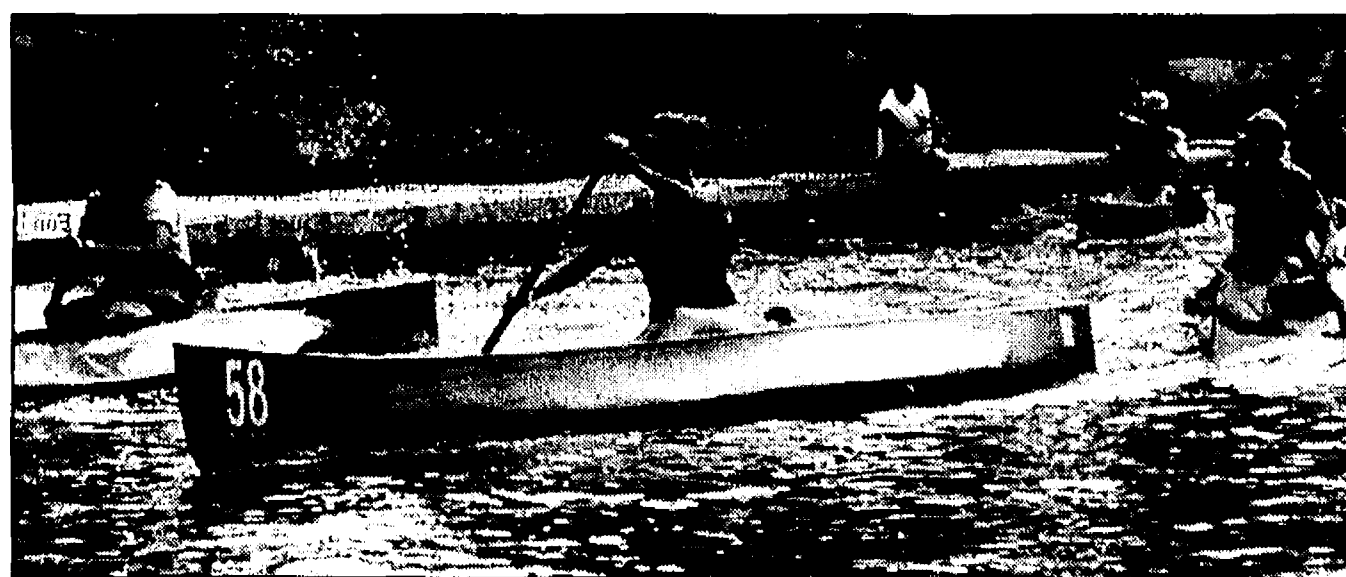
A complete list of 2004

Spike's Challenge C-1 race results is available on this page.



Photos by Caleb Casey

The 2004 Spike's Challenge C-1 race gets under way at Borchers on Saturday. (Below) The women's division breaks from the starting line.



## KIRTLAND CROSS COUNTRY

ROSCOMMON — Kirtland has named Lisa Hofman, 31, of

Grayling, as its new cross country coach. She replaces Jennifer Marshall, who resigned the post after one season.

Hofman, a substitute teacher and former journalist, is the wife of Craig Hofman, Kirtland's assistant men's basketball coach. She ran cross country in high school at Peoria (Illinois) Richwoods. She holds a journalism degree from Southern Illinois University and history and English degrees from Saginaw Valley State University.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Lisa Hofman said. "Northern Michigan is home to many very good high school cross-country and track programs, and the program here gives them an opportunity to compete and get a start on their college educations a little closer to home."

Hofman is actively recruiting athletes while seeking local com-

munity sponsorships to support the program. Several sponsors are already on board, including the Tanger Outlet Centers in West Branch, Coyle's Restaurants in Houghton Lake and West Branch, Birch Pointe Golf Club in St. Helen, Jay's Sporting Goods in Gaylord, and Buccilli's Pizza in West Branch.

To promote the Firebirds' cross country program, Hofman is organizing the Kirtland Community College Inaugural Open Invitational on September 18 — a women's five-kilometer race and a men's eight-kilometer race at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area in Grayling.

For more information on Kirtland's cross country program, phone (989) 348-1909 or e-mail kirtlandxc@yahoo.com. Also, visit Hofman's website dedicated to her program at:

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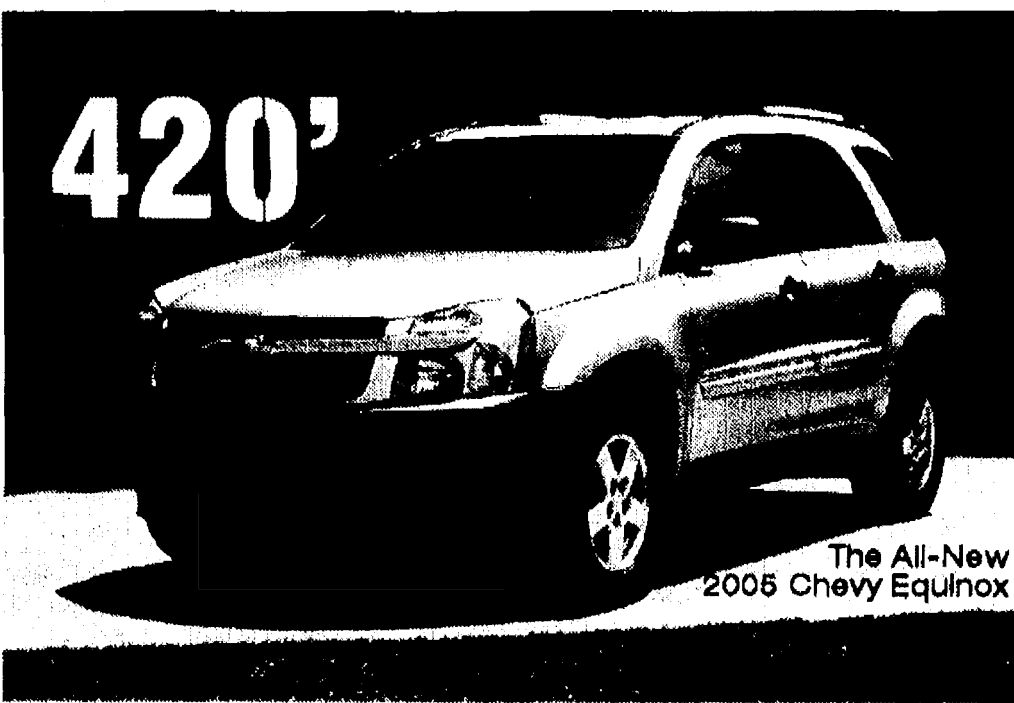
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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the performance of a mortgage made by David Burr, a single man, original mortgagee(s), to Washington Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 1999, and recorded on June 26, 2001 in Liber 539 on Page 356, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Altegra Credit Company, a Delaware Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated December 28, 1999 recorded on June 26, 2001 in Liber 539 on Page 366, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Five And 50/100 Dollars (\$60,905.50), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Block 1, original plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 1, 2004

For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For National City Home Loan Services, Inc. f/k/a Altegra Credit Company, a Delaware Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-3822

File #023781F02

-1-8-15-22

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alice L.

Duby, a single woman, Mortgagee, to GreenPoint Credit, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 26th day of July, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of August, 1999 in Liber 488 of Crawford County Records, page 618, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Nine & 66/100 (\$78,209.66), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of August, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 9.72% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 20, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, described as: Commencing at the West one-quarter corner of said Section; thence South 01 degree 43 minutes 00 seconds West, along the West line of said Section 663.66 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 87 degrees 51 minutes 55 seconds East 869.94 feet; thence South 01 degree 29 minutes 23 seconds West parallel with the West one-eighth line of said Section, 583.49 feet; thence North 87 degrees, 42 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the South one-eighth line of said Section, 872.27 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 01 degree 43 minutes 00 seconds East, along said West line 581.7 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a 25 foot wide ingress and egress easement for the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities. Said easement lying 12.5 feet on each side of and adjacent to the centerline of which is described as: Commencing at the West one-quarter corner of Section 20, Town 28 North, Range 1 West; thence South 88 degrees 01 minutes 02 seconds East, along the East-West one-quarter line of said Section, 12.5 feet to the Point of Beginning of said 25 foot wide easement; thence South 01 degree 43 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with the West line of said Section, 663.66 feet to the Point of Ending of centerline of said 25 foot easement.

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 7/1/04 GreenPoint Credit, LLC, Mortgagee  
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)

Attorney for GreenPoint Credit, LLC.  
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470  
Troy, MI 48064  
248-362-2600

-1-8-15-22

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Special Meeting June 30, 2004

Members Present: Lacey Stephan III, Dale French, Ruth O' Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider adoption of Grayling Township Fiscal Year 2004-05 General Fund, Liquor Fund and Township Improvement Fund. Also, to approve amendments to the 2003-04 Fiscal Year Budgets, if needed, and pay miscellaneous year end bills. Other matters which may legally be brought before the board will be considered.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. subsequent to a Public Hearing which began at 7:00 p.m. regarding the contents of the proposed budgets.

1. Motion by French, second by O'Mara, to accept the recommendation of those present at the public hearing and adjust the proposed General Fund 04-05 Budget to reflect that the proposed \$2,000. contribution to the City of Grayling Ice Rink be deleted and the \$2,000. be allocated to the Grayling Recreation Authority for computer upgrades. Also, the proposed budget for the Grayling Township Building Dept. (within the General Fund) be increased by \$20,500 in revenues and \$20,500 in expenses. Ayes: Five, Nays: none, motion carried.

2. Motion by French, second by O'Mara, to resolve to adopt the 2004-05 General Fund Budget with estimated revenues of \$1,051,692. and estimated expenses of \$1,051,692. to be balanced at the Activity/Dept. level. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

3. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara to resolve to adopt the 2004-05 Grayling Township Improvement Fund Budget with estimated revenues of \$12,000 in interest and \$00. in expenses. Ayes: five, Nays: non, motion carried.

4. Motion by Stephan, second by Ashton, to raise the Liquor Inspection fee paid to the Constable from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per inspection and increase number of inspections to eighteen per year for each establishment. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

5. Motion by O'Mara, second by Stephan, to resolve to adopt the Grayling Township Liquor Law Enforcement Fund Budget with estimated revenues of \$1700. and estimated expenses of \$2160. The excess expenses to be paid from the Liquor Fund Balance reserve. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

6. Clerk Ashton distributed the FY 2003-04 Revenue and Expenditure report as of June 29, 2004 for discussion.

7. 2003-04 General Fund Budget amendment resolution. Motion by O'Mara, second by French, that whereas

a budget was adopted by the Grayling Township Board to govern the expenditure of anticipated receipts within the township on June 26, 2003 for the next fiscal year of the township, and whereas as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and expenditures, it is necessary to modify aforesaid budget, and whereas, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, now therefore be it resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows;

Fund/Act 101-253 Treasurer Dept, Increase of \$950; 101-371 Public Inspection Dept, Increase of \$1000; 101-862 Social Security, Increase of \$1250; 101-390 Fund Bal, Decrease of \$3200; Total Amendments, Increase of \$3200 and Decrease of \$3200.

Ayes: five, Nays, none; motion carried.

8. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara to resolve to amend the 2003-04 Capital Projects Fund (Fire Dept. Construction) with the addition in revenues of a General Fund contribution of \$22,455.00. to cover estimated final costs over and above the original loan proceeds. Final budget as of 6/30/04. Revenues \$450,405.40, expenses \$450,405.40. Ayes: five, nays: none, motion carried.

9. Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton to approve payment of claims on vouchers 2416 through 2423 in the amount of \$10,854.44. Ayes: five, nays: none, motion carried.

10. Motion by O'Mara, second by French to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

### CIRCUIT COURT SALE

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of March, A.D., 2004, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein COUNTRY-WIDE HOME LOAN as Servicer, on behalf of WELLS FARGO MINNESOTA, N.A., as Trustee for the DELTA FUNDING HEL TRUST, was the Plaintiff, and CHRISTOPHER S. DUNCNLEY, and LEE ANN DUNCNLEY, were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for Crawford County is held), on the 1st day of SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2004 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, the following described property, To-Wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, described as follows:

Commencing at the SE Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, T26N, R2W; thence 14 rods West to the Point of Beginning; thence West 6 rods; thence North 80 rods; thence East 6 rods; thence South 80 rods to the Point of the

Beginning.

More commonly known as 623 East M-72, Grayling, MI 49738 ("Subject Property").

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: July 15, 2004

KIRK WAKEFIELD,

Sheriff

TROTT & TROTT, P.C.

By: Richard J. Klanika, P62145

Attorneys for Plaintiff

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

(248) 593-0496

T&T #200129083

-15-22-29-5-12-19-26

### Short Foreclosure Notice - Crawford County

**PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: **PATRICIA GRIFFITH to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**. Mortgagee, dated July 17, 1992, and recorded on July 21, 1992, in Liber 345 on page 227, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which

mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR AND 58/100 DOLLARS (\$88,424.58)**, including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 11, 2004.

Said premises are situated in **TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan**, and are described as: Lot 70, SHERWOOD FOREST #2 SUBDIVISION, A RECORDED PLAT IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 15, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS TAX PARCEL ID#040-45-861-070-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 29, 2004

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**

30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

-8-15-22-29

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004 (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, July 29, 2004 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI, 49738-0648, for:

**I-75 BL and M-72 West Intersection Improvement Improvements involve milling and filling 2" of existing pavement**

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications as well as a Traffic Control plan and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners  
Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner

### CRAWFORD COUNTY NOTICE

Please be notified that the Crawford County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 4, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue, to hear the following case:

Case # PB040017, A petition to amend the Crawford County Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of allowing the construction of new transmission towers in property districts zoned RD.

Petitioner: Faulk & Foster  
2860 Horizon Drive, Suite E  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Article XXVII on amending the zoning Ordinance, Section 27.01-changes and Amendments, only the County Board of Commissioners may amend these Ordinances. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners at their special board meeting of July 1, 2004 by motion approved for the County Planning Commission to move forward and Conduct a Public Hearing on the petition to amend. Section 27.03-Notice of hearing, A.(2) Publications 7/21/04 & 7/28/04

Proposed Crawford County Zoning Ordinance change to read as follows:

Section 20.53-Telecommunications Facilities (rev 11/15/01)

**D. Co-Location of Additional Antennas on Existing Transmission Towers:**

2. Special Use: Co-Location of an additional antenna on an existing transmission tower shall require a special use permit in property zoned RR, RD, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, CSC, or HSC if approval for co-location was not granted through a prior special use permit process.

**E. Co-Location of Antennas On Existing Buildings, Light Poles, Utility Poles And Water Towers:**

3. Special Uses: Such co-location on a building, light pole, utility pole, or water tower shall require a special use permit if property is zoned RR, RD, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, CSC, or HSC.

**F. Construction of New Transmission Towers:**

2. d) Such construction or modification shall also require a special use permit in zones RR, RD, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, LSC and HSC

All document petition request text and zoning maps are available for examination at the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph J. Duran - Zoning Director

### PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 3, 2004 Primary Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore  
Crawford County Clerk  
July 20, 2004

### Grayling Township Planning Commission to hold public hearings on proposed zoning amendments

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on Tuesday, July 27, in the Grayling Township Meeting Room located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI.

7:00 p.m. - Public hearing to consider a proposed restrictive amendment to the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance (2003-2), concerning the parking lot of commercial vehicles in residential zones.

7:30 - Public hearing to consider a proposed restrictive amendment to the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance (2003-2) concerning the placement of older mobile homes in any zone. This amendment will not affect any mobile homes already in place.

The text for each proposal can be seen and copies may be obtained at the Grayling Township Hall, at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. Questions may be directed to: Terry Wright, Zoning Administrator, at (989) 348-4361 during normal business hours.

Terry Wright  
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to advise you and all interested persons that I have scheduled a Zoning Board of Appeals Public hearing concerning a variance request from 205 State Street (20-070-131-004-006-02) for a 12" variance to construct a garage on an existing cement slab, which does not meet the set back requirements.

The Public Hearing to consider this matter is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2004 at the Grayling City Office, 1020 City Boulevard. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend said Public Hearing and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case(s) at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Office, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738 and inquiries may be directed to Steve Doyle, Zoning Administrator by calling 989-348-2131 or by email to: clerk@city-ofgrayling.com  
Michele A. Moshier, City Clerk  
Posted: July 16, 2004

### Primary Election Notice For Crawford County Residents

Notice of Primary Election To The Electors Of Crawford County, Michigan To Be Held Tuesday, August 3, 2004 For The Purpose Of Electing Candidates By Republican or Democratic Party Preference And Voting On County and Township Wide Proposals For The Following Offices:

State Congressman  
State Representative  
Prosecuting Attorney  
County Sheriff  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
County Treasurer  
Road Commission  
County Commissioner  
Township Supervisor  
Township Clerk  
Township Treasurer  
Township Trustees  
Township Constable  
Delegates To The County Convention  
E 911 Emergency Proposal  
Library Bond Proposal  
Township Milege Proposals

The Polls Of Said Election Will Be Open At 7:00 A.M. And Will Remain Open Until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

101 Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8992 S. Oak Rd., Roscommon  
201 Frederic Twp. Library, Old 27 N., Frederic  
302, 304, 306, 308 & 307 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling  
401 Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Frederic  
501 Maple Forest Twp. Office, 6802 N. Peterson Rd., Grayling  
601 South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon  
701 Grayling City Office, 1020 City Blvd, Grayling

Sandra Moore, County Clerk



## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice Of Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Daniel D. Peer and Michelle Peer, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated August 21, 2002 and recorded on September 6, 2002 in Liber 595 page 54; Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$106,307.43.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13.25 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, Township of South Branch.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: July 9, 2004

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder

P.O. Box 794, East Lansing, MI 48826

517-337-1617

-15-22-29-5

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Ransom, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 14, 2000, and recorded on November 20, 2000 in Liber 523 on Page 128, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Four And 87/100 Dollars (\$49,444.87), including interest at 10% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 2004.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 12, ROFFEE'S ADDITION to the Village (Crawford County), according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County

#### Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 15, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC W 248.593.1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #029043F01

-15-22-29-5

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky A. Reed, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan banking association, Mortgagee, dated August 11, 1989, and recorded on August 14, 1989 in Liber 300 on Page 511, and modified by agreement dated September 11, 1992, and recorded on November 5, 1992 in Liber 350 on Page 393, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six And 41/100 Dollars (\$10,966.41), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 11, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence East on the 1/4 line, 200 feet to the place of beginning; thence due East on the 1/4 line to the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, thence due North on the 1/8 line a distance of 150 feet, thence due West and parallel with the 1/4 line to a point due North of the place of beginning; thence South 150 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with an easement for purposes of ingress and egress 15 feet in width running East from Highway US-27 to the Easterly end of said tract herein conveyed and lying immediately North of and adjacent to said tract.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.  
Dated: July 8, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC C 248.593.1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Citizens Bank & Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank successor by merger and/or name change to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan banking association

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #027811F01

-8-15-22-29

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION THAT WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE PHONE NUMBER PROVIDED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage bearing interest at 9.1400% per annum made by Timothy G. Sheldon and Kathryn J. Sheldon, husband and wife, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, on June 24, 2002 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on July 9, 2002 in Liber 587 of Mortgages, Page 449, and subsequently assigned to The Provident Bank, on which Mortgage there is due, as of the date of this Notice, the principal sum of \$203,473.70, plus interest.

Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, Notice is hereby given that on August 4, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., local time, said Mortgage shall be foreclosed at sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door to the County Building, Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, (that being one of the places of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said Mortgage, or some part of them.

The premises described in said Mortgage is located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and legally described as:

Lot 128, AuSable Woods No. 4, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records  
2861 River Park Drive  
Tax Identification No. 20-040-45-143-00-128-00

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the sale; unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

DATED: June 23, 2004  
The Provident Bank  
NEUMANN LAW, P.C.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
1995 N. Cedar, Suite 4  
Holt, MI 48842  
(517) 699-4629

-18-15-22

### Notice Of Mortgage Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence B. Vitall and Joan I. Vitall, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First of America Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated September 18, 1995, and recorded on September 26, 1995 in Liber 400 on Page 243, and assigned by said Mortgagee to First of America Loan Services, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated September 18, 1995 recorded on September 26, 1995 in Liber 400 on Page 429, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Four And 61/100 Dollars (\$34,534.61), including interest at 8% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County

Building in Grayling at 10 AM, on August 25, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 28 North, Range 1 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 22, 2004  
For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For National City Mortgage Company fka First of America Loan Services, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #029578F01

-22-29-5-12

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 04-6416-CH  
CPTF-FD LAND, LLC, Plaintiff,

v  
CPTF-FOREST DUNES HOLDING COMPANY, L.L.C., SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, KENNETH RIEHLE, Chairman, Crawford County Road Commission; JAMES E. BURTCH, Drain Commissioner, Crawford County Drain Commission; JAY B. RISING, Treasurer, State of Michigan; GLORIA J. JEFF, Director, Michigan Department of Transportation; REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES, Director Michigan Department of Natural Resources; STEVEN E. CHESTER, Director for the Department of Environmental Quality, CONSUMERS ENERGY; and EDWARD J. WALTON, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNS, Defendants.

BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC  
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 275-4365

#### ORDER TO ANSWER

On the 19th day of May, 2004, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to vacate plats against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

The Plat of Chandra Village: Chandra Village being parts of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 3, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the SE corner of Section 3, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence N89°40'30"W along the South line of the section 2961.4 feet to the Southwesterly corner of the recorded plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1; thence Northerly along said West boundary; thence N47°31'40"W 288.24 feet; thence N26°35'40"W 220.0 feet; thence N5°59'20"E 690.0 feet; thence N10°32'20"W 86.45 feet; thence N30°31'20"W 360.0 feet; thence N25°09'20"W 155.55 feet; thence N0°09'20"W 170.0 feet; thence N86°15'40"E 156.75 feet; thence N0°07'40"E 59.72 feet; thence N81°15'E 156.8 feet; thence N8°08'E 150.0 feet; thence N30°03'E 234.3 feet; thence N9°13'30"E 105.0 feet; thence N21°1'E 379.65 feet; thence N18°41'50"E 40.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence N71°18'40"W 90.0 feet; thence S27°17'30"W 64.4 feet; thence S8°W 420.0 feet; thence S31°00'30"W 173.1 feet; thence S54°50'W 575.95 feet; thence Northerly along the arc of a 1889.32 foot radius curve to the left 58.0 feet having a central angle of 1°45' and along chord of 58.0 feet bearing N34°17'30"W; thence N35°10'W 393.0 feet; thence N50°E 451.5 feet; thence N29°20'30"E 62.85 feet; thence N8°E 324.0 feet; thence N21°E 85.0 feet; thence N55°41'30"E 309.35 feet; thence N63°11'30"E 280.0 feet; thence S46°31'30"E 176.8 feet; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a 225.1 foot radius curve to the left 85.0 feet having a central angle of 21°29' and along chord of 84.5 feet bearing S33°56'30"W; thence S23°07'30"W 20.0 feet; thence Southeasterly along the arc of a 215.84

foot radius curve to the right 117.85 feet having a central angle of 31°35'20" and a long chord of 116.35 feet bearing S58°40'10"E; thence S42°52'30"E 33.0 feet to the Northwesterly boundary of the recorded Plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2; thence S48°29'W along said boundary 180.0 feet; thence S18°41'20"W 80.0 feet to the point of beginning. Said plat consists of 22 lots numbered 1 through 22 inclusive and contains 15.73 acres.

The Plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2

South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2 being parts of the SE 1/4, the East 1/2 of SW 1/4, the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 3, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the SE corner Section 3, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence N89°40'30"W along the South Section line, 1391.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N89°40'30"W along said section line 1569.8 feet; thence N47°31'40"W 288.24 feet; thence N26°35'40"W 220.0 feet; thence N5°59'20"E 690.0 feet; thence N10°32'20"W 86.45 feet; thence N30°31'20"W 360.0 feet; thence N25°09'20"W 155.55 feet; thence N0°09'20"W 170.0 feet; thence N86°15'40"E 156.75 feet; thence Northeasterly 60.0 feet on the arc of a curve to the right said curve having a radius of 237.06 feet, a central angle of 14°30'00" and a long chord of 59.72 feet bearing N0°07'40"E; thence N81°15'E 156.8 feet; thence N8°E 150.0 feet; thence N30°03'E 234.3 feet; thence N9°13'30"E 105.0 feet; thence N21°1'E 379.65 feet; thence N18°41'50"E 120.0 feet; thence N48°29'30"E 310.9 feet; thence N88°11'30"E 457.4 feet; thence S83°51'30"E 355.0 feet; thence N83°17'30"E 489.9 feet; thence S41°49'30"E 254.2 feet; thence S26°42'30"E 150.0 feet to the North line of recorded plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1; thence along said plat line S52°56'W 204.5 feet to the Easterly right-of-way of Westview Trail; thence Southeasterly along the arc of a 484.45 foot radius curve to the right 85.0 feet, said curve having a central angle of 10°03' and a long chord of 84.75 feet bearing S16°08'30"E; thence S78°52'W 66.0 feet; thence S11°08'E 41.4 feet; thence S74°W 210.0 feet to the Westerly line of said plat; thence along said Westerly line S16°06'30"E 698.4 feet; thence S25°23'E 191.3 feet; thence S36°47'E 500.0 feet; thence S50°14'E 205.0 feet; thence S17°21'W 120.0 feet to the North right-of-way of Lariat Lane; thence S72°44'E along said right-of-way 144.85 feet; thence S17°01'W 66.0 feet to the South right-of-way of Lariat Lane; thence N72°44'W along said right-of-way 145.15 feet; thence S17°21'W 150.0 feet; thence N72°49'W 90.0 feet; thence S20°17'W 85.0 feet; thence S1°13'30"E 235.0 feet; thence S4°03'E 182.1 feet; thence S7°27'W 270.0 feet to the point of beginning. Said plat contains 170 lots numbered 119 to 288 inclusive, 2 private parks named Chaparral Park and Peacemaker Park and contains 123.1 acres.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the Defendant EDWARD J. WALTON'S address is unknown, and that therefore service upon Defendant of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendant can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, EDWARD J. WALTON, shall file his answer with the Court and serve a copy of his answer on the law offices of BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC, by Gerard F. Brabant, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 12th day of August, 2004. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendant, EDWARD J. WALTON, for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted once each week for four (4) weeks in the Crawford County Building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted at the above described parcel of land at a location visible from the nearest public road and access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

Date of Order: 6/17/04  
S/Alton T. Davis  
(P-24472)  
Honorable Alton T. Davis  
Circuit Court Judge

-1-8-15-22

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
TWENTYSIXTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY  
DIVISION, ALPENA  
COUNTY  
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE SAFE  
DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS (MCL  
712.1)  
TO: BIRTHFATHER AND BIRTH-

MOTHER OF SAID MINOR CHILD IN THE MATTER OF NEWBORN BABY, BORN ON MAY 26, 2004 AT GRAYLING MERCY HOSPITAL AND SURRENDERED ON MAY 26, 2004, AT GRAYLING MERCY HOSPITAL, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing to terminate your parental rights to said child will be held at 1:30 PM on August 5, 2004, at the Twenty-sixth Circuit Court, Family Division, 720 W. Chisholm St., Alpena, Michigan.

YOU, AS THE PARENTS, CAN CALL THE TWENTYSIXTH CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION ALPENA AT 989-354-9573 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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Self-assigning Contract/Security Agreement in Event of Unauthorized Use. By this Copyright Notice, both the juristic person and the agent of said juristic person, hereinafter jointly and severally "User," consent and agrees that any use of ANN MARIE (GNAZDOSKI) VOELKER AND RONALD EDWARD VOELKER, as well as for each and every occurrence of use of any and all trademarks, trade names, variations in the spelling of, ANN MARIE (GNAZDOSKI) VOELKER AND RONALD EDWARD VOELKER, not excluding "Ann Marie (Gnazdoski) Voelker" and "Ronald Edward Voelker," respectively, plus costs, plus triple damages, (2) authorizes this Security Agreement wherein User is Debtor and ANN MARIE (GNAZDOSKI) VOELKER AND RONALD EDWARD VOELKER is Secured Party, and wherein User pledges all of User's assets, land, consumer goods, farm products, inventory, equipment, money, investment property, commercial real estate, letters of credit, rights of credit, rights, claims, demands, legal actions, accounts, documents, and general intangibles, and all User's interest in all such foregoing property, now owned and hereafter acquired, now existing and hereafter arising, and wherever located, as collateral for securing User's contractual obligation in favor of Secured Party for User's unauthorized use of Secured Party's common-law-copyrighted property; (3) consents and agrees with Secured Party's filing of a UCC Financing Statement in the UCC filing office, as well as in any county recorder's office, where User is Debtor and ANN MARIE (GNAZDOSKI) VOELKER AND RONALD EDWARD VOELKER is Secured Party; (4) consents and agrees that said UCC Financing Statement described above in paragraph (3) is a continuing financing statement, and further consents and agrees with Secured Party's filing of any continuation statement necessary for maintaining Secured Party's perfected security interest in all User's property and interest in property, pledged as collateral in this Security Agreement and described above in paragraph (2) until User's contractual obligation thereto incurred has been fully satisfied; (5) consents and agrees with Secured Party's filing of a UCC Financing Statement, as described above in paragraph (3) and (4), as well as the filing of any Security Agreement, as described above in paragraph (2), in the UCC filing office, as well as in any county recorder's office; (6) consents and agrees that any and all such filings described in paragraphs (4) and (5) above are not, and may not be considered bogus, and that User will not claim that any such filings in bogus; (7) waives all claims, demands, legal actions, accounts, documents, and general intangibles, and all User's interest in all such foregoing property, now owned and hereafter acquired, now existing and hereafter arising, and wherever located, as collateral for securing User's contractual obligation in favor of Secured Party for User's unauthorized use of Secured Party's common-law-copyrighted property; (8) appoints Secured Party as User's Representative; (9) authorizes User to execute upon User's default as set forth below under "Payment Terms" and "Default Terms," granting Secured Party full authorization and power for engaging in any and all actions on behalf of User including, but not limited by, authorization of a record on behalf of User, as Secured Party, in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate, and User further consents and agrees that this appointment of Secured Party as User's Representative for User, effective upon User's default, is irrevocable and coupled with a security interest; (10) User further consents and agrees with all of the following additional terms of this Security Agreement: (a) User shall pay Secured Party all unauthorized-use fees in full within ten (10) days of the date User is sent Secured Party's invoice, hereinafter "Invoice," itemizing said fees. Default Terms: In event of non-payment in full of all unauthorized-use fees by User within ten (10) days of date Invoice is sent, User shall be deemed in default by User; (b) all of User's property and property pledged as collateral by User, as set forth in above paragraph (2), immediately becomes, i.e., is, property of Secured Party; (c) Secured Party is appointed User's Authorized Representative as set forth above in paragraph (9); and (d) User consents and agrees that Secured Party may take possession of, as well as otherwise dispose of, in any manner that Secured Party, in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate, including, but not limited by, sale at auction, at any time following User's default, and without further notice, any and all of User's property and interest, described above in paragraph (2), formerly pledged as collateral by User, now property of Secured Party, in respect of this "Self-assigning Contract/Security Agreement in Event of Unauthorized Use," that Secured Party, again in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate. Terms for Default: Upon receipt of default, as set forth above under "Default Terms," irrespective of any and all of User's former property and interest in property, described above in paragraph (2), in the possession of, as well as disposed of by, Secured Party, as authorized above under "Default Terms," User may cure User's default only by the remainder of User's said former property and interest property, formerly pledged as collateral that is neither in the possession of, nor otherwise disposed of by, Secured Party within twenty (20) days of date of User's default only by payment in full. Terms of Strict Foreclosure: User's non-payment in full of all unauthorized-use fees itemized in Invoice within said twenty (20) day period for curing default as set forth above under "Terms for Curing Default," authorizes Secured Party's immediate non-judicial strict foreclosure on any and all remaining former property and interest in property, formerly pledged as collateral by User, now property of Secured Party, which is not in the possession of, nor otherwise disposed of by, Secured Party upon expiration of said twenty (20) day default-curing period. Ownership subject to common-law copyright and UCC Financing Statement and Security Agreement filed with the UCC filing office. Record Owner: Ronald Edward Voelker, Autograph Common Law Copyright (c) 1981. Unauthorized use of "Ann Marie (Gnazdoski) Voelker" and "Ronald Edward Voelker" incurs some unauthorized-use fees as those associated with ANN MARIE (GNAZDOSKI) VOELKER AND RONALD EDWARD VOELKER as set forth above in paragraph (11) under "Self-assigning Contract/Security Agreement in Event of Unauthorized Use."

-15-22-29-5

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Listed below are the dates of these meetings; please note that, unless otherwise posted, all Regular Meetings of this board will begin at 7:00 p.m.

C.O.O.R. GENERAL OFFICES  
11051 NORTH CUT ROAD, ROSCOMMON, MI

Meetings will be held on the following dates:

August 11, 2004  
September 8, 2004  
October 13, 2004  
November 10, 2004  
December 8, 2004  
January 12, 2005  
February 9, 2005  
March 9, 2005  
April 13, 2005  
May 11, 2005  
June 8, 2005  
July 13, 2005

Robert F. Jones, Superintendent  
C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District  
If any person with a disability needs accommodation, please call, Robert Jones or Gwen Bush at 989-275-9538 by 3:00 pm on date of meeting.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Grayling City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, July 26, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the Grayling City Hall at 1020 City Boulevard to receive input regarding changes in the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Amend Section 5.05-Highway Commercial District (C-3) to include cemeteries as a special use that may be authorized by Planning Commission.
2. Add Article XIII Grayling Stormwater Runoff Provisions.

A copy of this zoning ordinance and the proposed changes is available at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. All City Residents are invited to attend this meeting

Michelle A. Moshier  
City Clerk

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 24, 1958 - Doc Holiday (Henry Cantrell, left foreground) vigorously protests Judge Bean's (Bruce Hoskins, extreme left) decision involving Andy Fabian (second from right) with C. Syd Squid (Bill Nicol, extreme right) witnessing the proceedings. This is one of many funny things to find at the Den of Vice being held the National Field Archery Tournament opening at Camp Grayling next week. See gamblers at work shearing the innocent, dance hall girls as well as Judge Ben and his unlawful enforcers.

### 23 Years Ago July 16, 1981

M&M Excavating, of Gaylord, with a bid of \$237,854, received a contract from the City of Grayling for street improvement. A total of 15 city blocks will be repaired.

The Downtown Merchants Association, through donations and future fund raising projects, is the group that spear headed the purchase of the different state flags to add to the decoration of downtown. Last Monday night, Jerry Morford and Bob Cole did the hard work of rigging the light poles and hoisting the flags up. They were assisted by Dean Morford, Shawn Gibbons and Tom Schlehuber. We understand

that two volunteer workers Tom Gibbons and Ernie Dawson spent their time in a restaurant drinking coke while the work was going on.

Lovells Riverside softball team came back from the losers bracket to win a thrilling play-off from R&H Sport Center and capture the Grayling softball tournament. In the championship game, Lovells came back from eight runs down to edge R&H Sport Center by one run in the eighth inning.

### 46 Years Ago July 17, 1958

The Alley Kats bowling team, Mrs. LeRoy Papendick, Mrs. Robert Hayes, Mrs. Gerald Blaine, Miss Kate Nave and Mrs.

Betty LaChappelle, spent their bowling kitty on an overnight bowling trip and visit to Charlevoix.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kumpula left last Thursday on a two week fishing trip to Immins, Ontario. They will attend a high school reunion at Calumet High School in the U.P. on the way back.

The slab at the former Lantern Dining Room at Lake Margrethe is seeing activity each Saturday night during the summer. Van Smith, owner of the property, has allowed a group of enterprising youngsters to hold dances there. The project was sparked by Karl Golnick. Assisting him are Judy Kenyon, Judy Larson, Richard Moore and Vivian Fenton.

### 69 Years Ago July 18, 1935

Adolph Peterson has purchased the Mrs. Thorkild Boeson house on Chestnut Street, and Axel Peterson has purchased the Peterson home for his mother, Mrs. Andrew Peterson.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has just completed installation of nine Western Union clocks at various points in the city which insures absolute correct time for those enterprising concerns who have subscribed to this service. These are the first Western Union clocks ever in Grayling and indicate that the city is modernizing even to time service.

For the oldest homecoming coming back to Grayling to attend the homecoming, Rev. Peter Kjolhede of Grant, former pastor of the Danish-Lutheran

Church, takes the prize. He is 91 years old and was pastor of the local church for 23 years.

Miss Mildred Hanson entertained the Graduate Girls Sewing Club at the Hanson cottage on Lake Margrethe last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Oaks of Flint are among Grayling's homecoming guests this week, visiting among relatives and friends. Mr. Oaks made the remark that he has never been broke since he left Grayling 23 years ago.

### 92 Years Ago July 18, 1912

Grandma Barber was visiting at Grayling and Portage Lake last week. She is one of the pioneers, having reached her 80th birthday, and she will out-do lots of the young folks today.

Both autos of T.E. Douglas have been out of commission the past week which made our streets very dull.

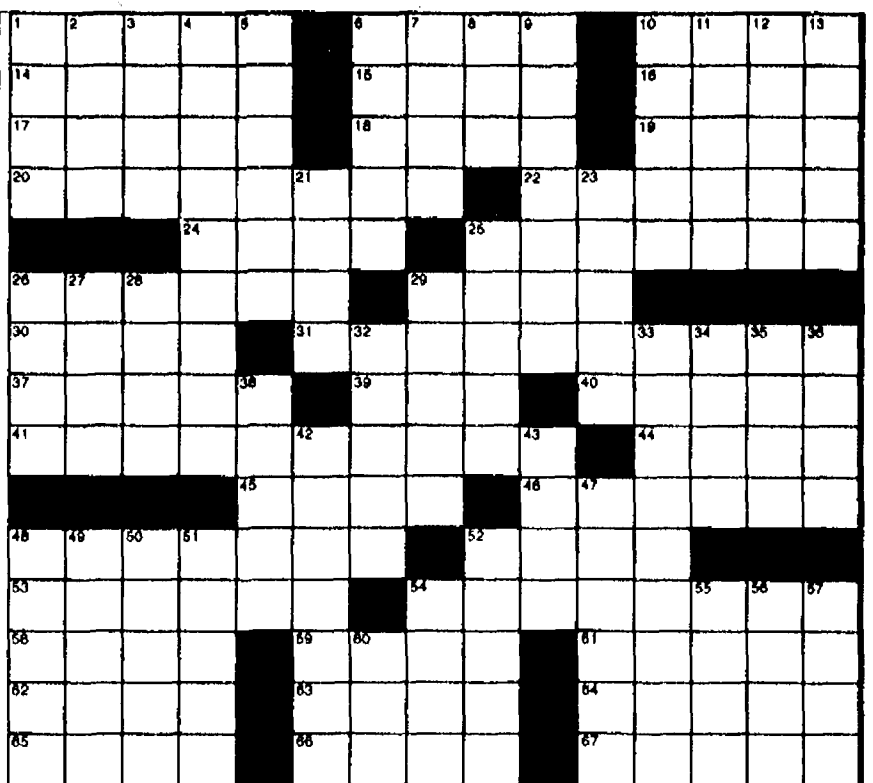
The horses belonging to David Knecht and Henry Stephan were found near Moorestown after being lost for about three weeks. They were returned to their owners last week Thursday after having strayed about thirty miles from home.

H.L. Abrahams, of Millersburg, has purchased the department store of the Kelley estate at Frederic.

Joe Duby had a sheep stray onto his ranch. He is thinking of some fries if not soon claimed.

The Feldhauser Brothers have started their mill again. We heard the whistle this morning.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Appears.
2. de Winter, Dutch artist.
10. Fredrick, American baritone.
14. Heron that bears long plumes during breeding season.
15. Remarkable person.
16. Scent.
17. Max, American painter.
18. Customary usages.
19. Roman goddess of the moon.
20. Feels overwhelmed by defeat.
22. Cattle and sheep fat used to make soap.
24. Brief quarrel.
25. Superficial appearances.
26. Part of a garment that covers the chest.
29. Mushroom, common latex-containing mushroom.
30. To move back and forth in a cradle.
31. Prophetic disclosure.
37. Substances used to treat burns.
39. To call on for an answer.
40. Having ears.
41. Exclusion from consciousness by the psychic censor.
44. To call to another's attention.
45. Meltnr, Austrian physicist.
46. Howard, director of Disney's The Little Mermaid.
48. Ancient galley having three banks of oars.
52. To suffer emotional strain.
53. Belief that one race is superior to others.
54. William, leader of the Plymouth colony.
58. Supreme god and creator in Norse mythology.
59. Acronym for International Symposium on Electronics and the Environment.
61. Plant root used as a substitute for soap.
62. High-pitched sound.
63. Wheel hub.
64. Extremely cold and icy.
65. Domestic swine.
66. Ropes, chains or wires attached as a brace.
67. Finished.

### Down

1. Evil, obscene and vulgar.
2. Molding with an S-shaped profile.
3. Concentric spheres in old astronomy.
4. Mementos.
5. Bands that hold an object in place.
6. To utter abruptly.
7. Parr, former owner of Raspur records.
8. Acronym for Advanced Learning Environment.
9. Nitgrips, Black-footed ferrets.
10. Esther, Florida Evans on Good Times.
11. Virburnum, Latin name of mooseberry.
12. Person who gives blood.
13. Pull in.
21. Acronym for International Air Transport Association.
23. Joint between a horse's cannon bone and pastern.
25. Lawrence, Mama on Mama's Family.
26. Bric-A, collection of sentimental articles.
27. Part played by an actor.
28. Abbreviation for economist.
29. Benarroch, author of Horses and other Doubts: Poems for the New Millennium.
32. Past one's prime.
33. People who own a yacht.
34. Stiffly formal.
35. Slender, rigid or bristly, springy animal or plant part.
36. Camp, a Yorkshire wartime British museum.
38. Undersurfaces of feet.
42. Serving as a border.
43. To trim off excess.
47. Waste carried off by sewers.
48. Pledged faithfulness.
49. Relating to or operated by radiant energy.
50. Synonym for frothing.
51. Jewelry worn on the fingers.
52. Grants relief from rules or requirements.
54. Large group or collection.
55. Express in words.
56. Cartan, inventor of spinors.
57. Knoss, 2002 album as Intitled Neurotica.
60. Acronym for Sakarya University in Turkey.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



- 2 lbs. lean ground beef**  
**3 Tbsp. Chipotle Pepper Sauce, divided**  
**1 tsp. salt**  
**1/2 cup mayonnaise**  
**6 hamburger buns**  
**6 slices red onion**  
**6 slices tomato**  
**6 lettuce leaves**  
**2 ripe California avocados; pitted, peeled and sliced**

Combine ground beef, 2 tablespoons Chipotle Pepper Sauce and salt in a

## Chipotle Burgers

large bowl and mix well; shape into 6 patties. Combine mayonnaise with remaining 1 tablespoon Chipotle Pepper Sauce and mix well; set aside. Grill or broil hamburger patties to medium doneness (160°F). Spread mayonnaise on buns and top with burgers, onion, tomato, lettuce and avocado slices. Note: For Chipotle-Avocado Cheeseburgers, place one slice Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese on each burger (after cooked to desired doneness), just until cheese melts.

### Find the Twins

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

### DID YOU KNOW ??

It is the female lion who does more than 90% of the hunting, while the male lion is afraid to risk his life, or just prefers resting.

### MAZE

### ADOPT A PET

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Help support the Animal Shelter by stopping by our booth on Saturday, July 24 and purchasing one or more of our fundraising items. Also, two barrels have been placed near the gates to receive donations of return-deposit cans and bottles. Creature Comfort Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15 at the Medicine Shoppe, Riverland Gear and the Avalanche. New 2005 Pet Calendars are available at the Avalanche and the shelter for a donation of \$5. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of July 22, 2004

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19  
There is a reason you don't take sides in conflicts. Remember that, as a tiff breaks out at the office. A family member really needs your help.

**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20  
Skepticism isn't always the best approach. Open your heart to the possibilities coming your way and try not to doubt those with pure intentions.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21  
A home improvement project is almost done. Consider hiring someone for the next one. A telephone call brings good news.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22  
Address the real issues that are causing you so much stress and take steps to correct them. An idea turns out to be a success.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22  
You are looking for some intellectual stimulation. Why not go back to school? Take a couple of classes on a topic that really interests you.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-September 22  
Your batteries are recharged. Try completing that hobby project you started years ago. News from home throws you for a loop.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22  
The same numbers keep popping up everywhere you look. Why not go for it and play them in the lottery? You never know—you may get lucky.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21  
A coworker stirs things up at work. Try to stay out of it, but don't turn your back on them, or you could be the next target.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-December 21  
Listening to other people's problems helps you to see the yours aren't so bad after all. Find time to consolidate your bill.

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 19  
People's problems help you to see the yours aren't so bad after all. Find time to consolidate your bill.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-February 18  
A long estranged family member holds out an olive branch. Take it but do so cautiously. There may be strings attached.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20  
Don't overanalyze your options. Sometimes the simple things are really the best. A business trip turns out better than expected.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

| Date | H  | L  | Rain |
|------|----|----|------|
| 7/14 | 87 | 58 | 1.05 |
| 7/15 | 72 | 55 | 1.01 |
| 7/16 | 76 | 52 | 0.10 |
| 7/17 | 79 | 57 | 0    |
| 7/18 | 70 | 51 | 0    |
| 7/19 | 80 | 51 | 0    |
| 7/20 | 81 | 54 | 0    |

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| Date | High | Low | Conditions |
|------|------|-----|------------|
| 7/21 | 82   | 66  | High       |
| 7/22 | 82   | 66  | High       |
| 7/23 | 70   | 50  | High       |
| 7/24 | 70   | 54  | High       |
| 7/25 | 76   | 55  | High       |
| 7/26 | 77   | 55  | High       |



**by Matt Seager**  
**Staff Writer**

"It's a creative way to express yourself," said event organizer Steve Anderson. Anderson, who has been participating in Wood Shaving Days for twenty years, ran a blacksmithing demonstration. Visitors watched as he forged animals and ornaments from scratch. There was something different to see at every display.

"The steam powered sawmill is a big attraction," said Park Administrator Jon Gregorich. Indeed, it was hard to ignore the mill, which bellowed steam and loudly sliced through logs. Memories of things like this often keep people coming back for generations.

"We're up here representing the olden days and having a good time while we're doing it," said Ernest Burns, a woodcarver from Millington. One lesson quickly learned about this time period was how complicated and intricate some of the artwork really was.

"It's a terrific pastime. The finished product is what the cary-



er wants to see," said Burns. Burns crafted highly detailed figurines from generic blocks of wood. Other demonstrators worked on similarly intricate projects.

"I've learned a lot from the blacksmiths and some of the woodcarvers. Some of these crafts, they're not as easy as they look," said Gregorich. When guests took a break from exploring the various demonstrations, they had the opportunity to enjoy the tunes of the Cousins Music Group. The group, which is based out of the Boyne City area, played several old time songs that has audiences tapping their feet and clapping their hands.

Hartwick Pines put on the annual event with the help of the Friends of Hartwick Pines Support Group, which is "a group of individuals who have an interest in the park itself," according to Gregorich. Much work was required to organize

"I think the main difference is that the normal Hartwick Pines experience is quiet and serene," said Gregorich. For those looking more a little more noise and

activity, the event will be worth checking out again next year. Also, the park will be hosting Black Iron Days this August, with a stronger emphasis on the blacksmithing crafts. Ultimately, there is a lot for families to do at Hartwick Pines.

"It makes a nice weekend," said Burns.



A family operates a two person saw. Many of the events activities were fully interactive and gave guests a taste of what it was like to live in a real logging camp.



**A blacksmith forges a tool. Although Wood Shaving Days focused on wood carvers, there were a few blacksmith demonstrations as well. Blacksmiths are the main focus of Black Iron Days in August.**

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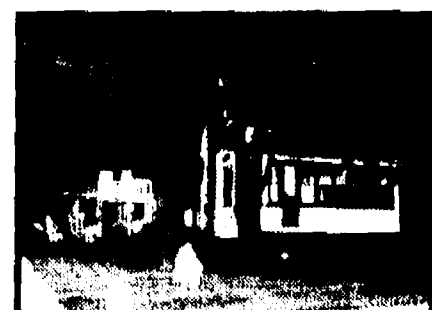
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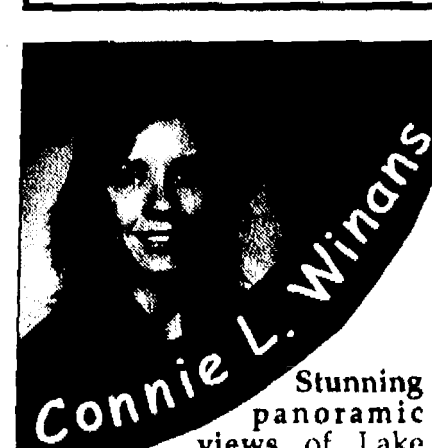
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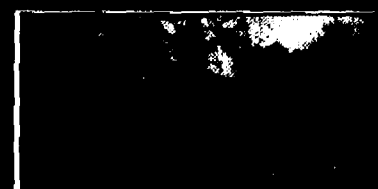
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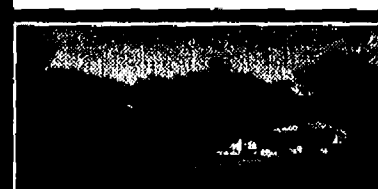
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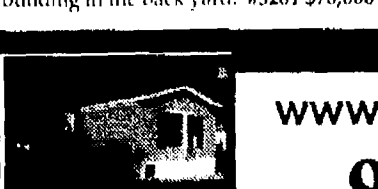
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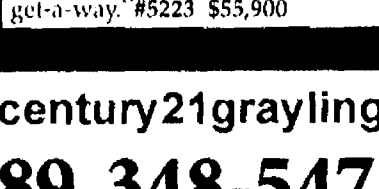
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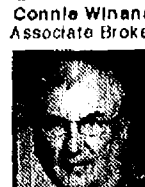
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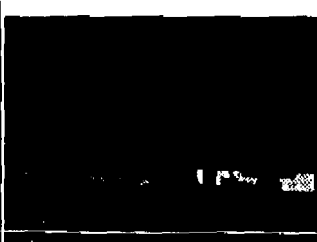
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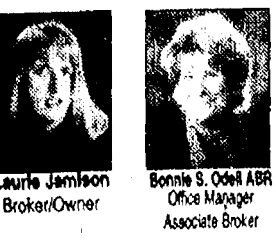


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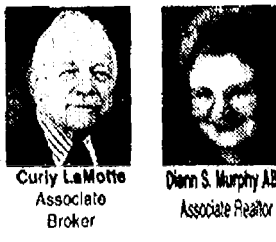
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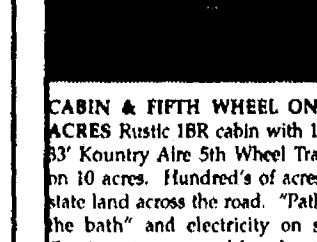
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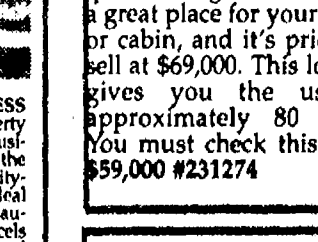
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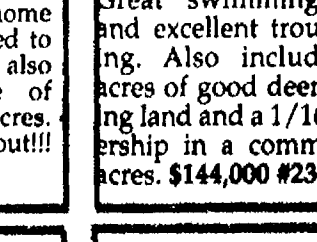
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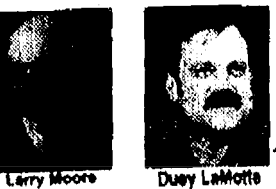
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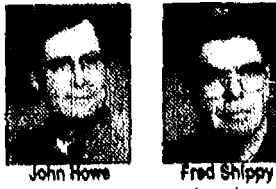
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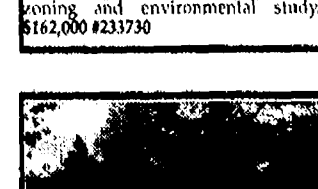
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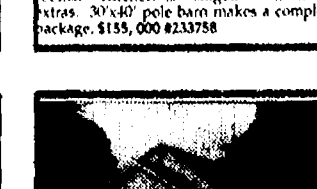
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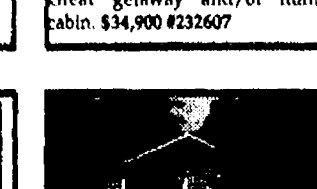
5 BEDROOM HOME CLOSE TO TOWN 5 bedroom, 1 bath home with basement just 3 miles from downtown Grayling. Snowmobile trails and state land only minutes away. SELLER MOTIVATED. \$107,900 #230852



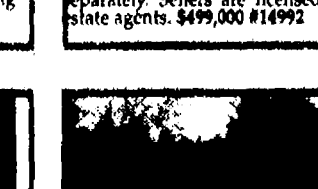
NICE STARTER HOME IN CITY Great 2 B/R, 1 bath home or rental income. Attached garage with separate area for workshop. New roof, fresh paint, new carpet and bath recently updated. \$99,900 #230835



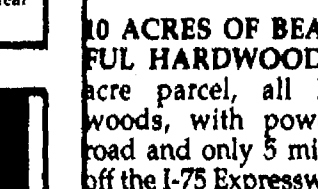
PERFECT LOCATION FOR UP NORTH GETAWAY 1 BR, 1 bath home located, just minutes from the holy waters of the AuSable River, 10 minutes from the South Branch of the AuSable, 10 minutes from Knott Lake and 55 miles from 1,000's of acres of state land. Excellent for hunting and snowmobiling. 1 BR, 1 bath home comes furnished and includes 3 sheds. \$87,900 #230898



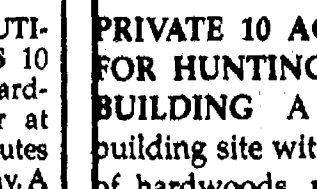
MOBILE WITH BUNK HOUSE A 2BR, 1 bath mobile with an addition. Includes a 14x14 guest bunk house with heat, 150x150 fenced in back yard, and fireplace with a woodburning insert. 600 acres of state land across the road. \$43,900 #230639



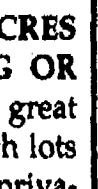
10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS 10 acre parcel, all hardwoods, with power at road and only 5 minutes off the I-75 Expressway. A great spot for your home or just that Up North getaway. \$39,900 #232186



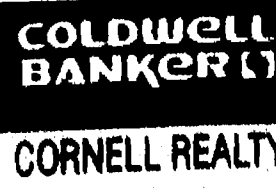
15 ACRES OF GORGEOUS LAND Gorgeous 15 acre parcel, mostly hardwoods, including a lot of white oak. Property is high and dry, has a rolling topography and is gated for privacy. \$99,900 #232401



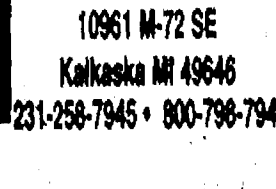
PRIVATE 10 ACRES FOR HUNTING OR BUILDING A great building site with lots of hardwoods, privacy and good hunting. \$32,500 #232032



NICE 10 ACRES Nice 10 acre parcel with state land only 1/4 mile away. A great spot for a cabin, home, or just a camping site. 90% wooded with lots of deer in the area. LAND CONTRACT POSSIBLE. \$25,400 #222623



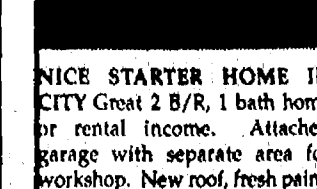
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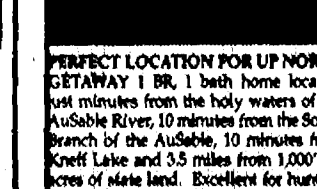
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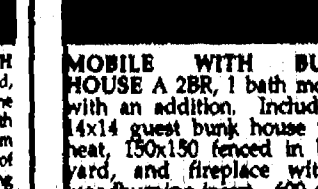
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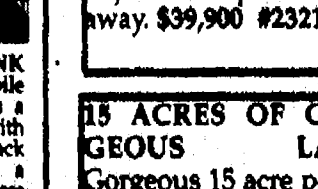
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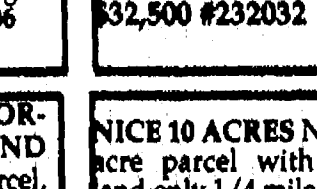
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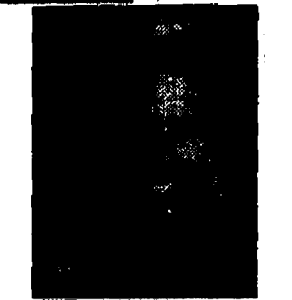
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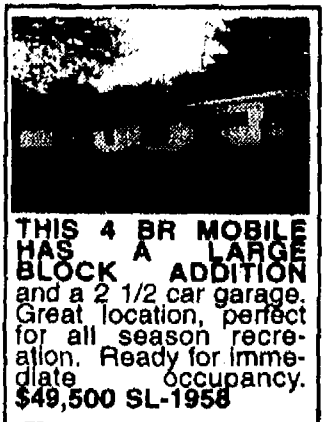
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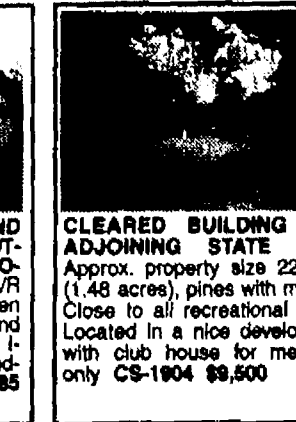
**THIS 4 BR MOBILE HAS A LARGE BLOCK ADDITION** and a 2 1/2 car garage. Great location, perfect for all season recreation. Ready for immediate occupancy. \$49,500 SL-1958



**TONS OF POTENTIAL! 375' frontage** on Old 27, Old Underground Forest. 1,197 s.f. 3BR home on naturally landscaped hillside setting. 24x70 finished/heated garage w/electric opener. Satellite Dish and appliances. \$59,900. CH-1946



**5 ACRES, STATE LAND ACROSS ROAD, LARGE COTTAGE THAT SLEEPS 19 PEOPLE** 20x28 Great Room, 2 B/R down plus full loft dorm. Ben Franklin woodstove. State land across road. Easy access to I-75 contents negotiable, excluded table and griddle. CH-1885 \$24,900



**CLEARED BUILDING SITE ADJOINING STATE LAND** Approx. property size 221x293 (1.48 acres), pines with mixture. Close to all recreational areas. Located in a nice development with club house for members only CS-1904 \$8,500



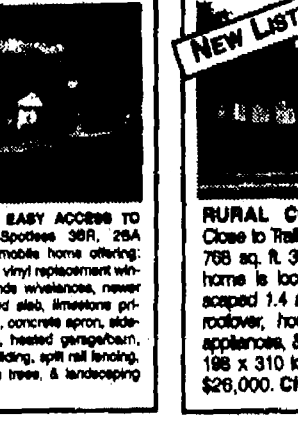
**REMODELED 2BR HOME/COTTAGE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR THE GRAYLING RIVER AND SHOWNESSE TRAILS.** This home features a 20x209 naturally landscaped lot with two detached garages, gravel walkways, a wood deck, and a cement driveway perfect for barbeque or basketball. Partial privacy fence yard, vinyl thermo windows, and updated electrical throughout. Priced below assessed value. CH-1906 \$71,900



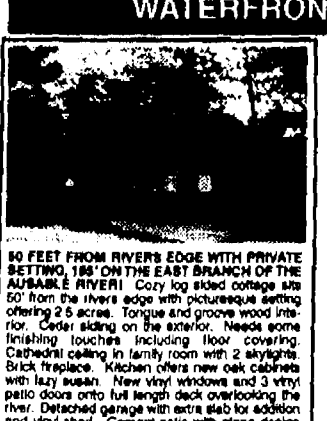
**PRIME CORNER - Double Lot!** Elegantly landscaped 3BR home conveniently located in downtown Grayling. This home features: A full unfinished basement with outside entrance, spacious living area, large closets, lots of storage space, and all appliances. Residential or commercial. \$79,900. CH-1966



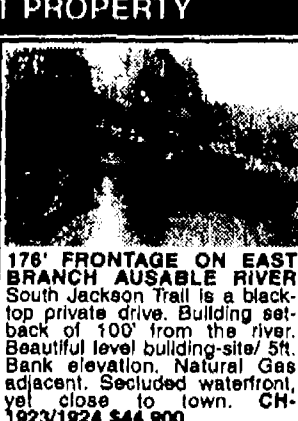
**FIVE ACRES WITH EASY ACCESS TO AUSALE RIVER.** Spacious 3BR, 2BA Cornerwood Classic model home offering floor over, steel doors, vinyl replacement windows, appliances, linoleum throughout, new carpet, outdoor patio, fireplace, and a great view of the river. \$79,900. CH-1973



**RURAL COUNTRY SETTING** Close to I-75 & AUSALE River! This 708 sq. ft. 3BR, 1BA ranch-style home is located on a relatively landscaped 1.4 acre. Features: Shingle roof, hook-up for wood stove, appliances, & satellite dish. Adjacent 198 x 310 lot for sale for \$7000. \$20,000. CH-1981



**WATERFRONT PROPERTY** 100 FEET FROM RIVERS EDGE WITH PRIVATE SETTING, 180' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSALE RIVER. Cory log cabin cottage sits 20' from the river edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Tongue and groove wood interior, cedar siding on the exterior. Hardwood floors, kitchen including floor covering, hardwood flooring, and a full bath. New vinyl windows and 3 vinyl patio doors onto full length deck overlooking the river. Detached garage with extra deck for addition and vinyl siding. Current patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CH-1872 \$129,000



**176' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH AUSALE RIVER.** South Jackson Trail is a black-top private drive. Building set-back of 100' from the river. Beautiful level building-site/5th. Bank elevation. Natural Gas adjacent. Secluded waterfront, vinyl siding, 10' driveway. CH-1923/1924 \$44,900



**CUSTOM CEDAR HOME ON 1.1 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS.** Quality Cedar Home located close to town. 3 bedrooms and a 25x25 basement floor plan features a 45 foot span from the split stone fireplace in the living room through to the dining room. Outside water and electric. Vinyl thermo windows, drywall throughout. Brick fireplace in living room. Outside water and electric. Gravel drive. County maintained Road. CS-1900 \$112,000



**A 15 ACRE RETREAT FOR ALL SEASONS** Chalet with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan with Pergo floors downstairs. Kitchen offers quality oak cabinets and knock bar. Vinyl thermo windows, drywall throughout. Brick fireplace in living room. Outside water and electric. Gravel drive. County maintained Road. CS-1900 \$112,000



**COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME** is located one block from and within viewing of Lake Margrethe. Ready to move into, this home/cabin has everything for your comfort. New appliances, new pickie white knotty pine walls, ceramic tile in kitchen/dining. All new carpet. A must see! \$179,000 TS-1827



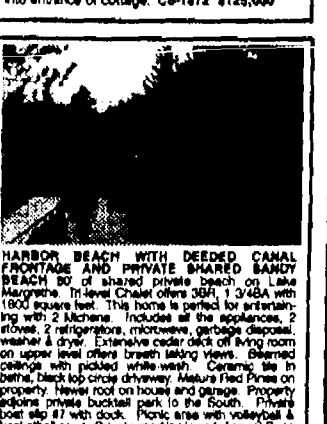
**COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME ON QUIET ROAD,** close to Manistee River and snowmobile trails. 2 Bedroom 2 Bath home features large family room, stunning whirlpool bath with custom tile, den/closets which can be converted to third bedroom or bunkroom with wood-stove. 24x24 finished and heated garage with storage above. FF-1944 \$109,900



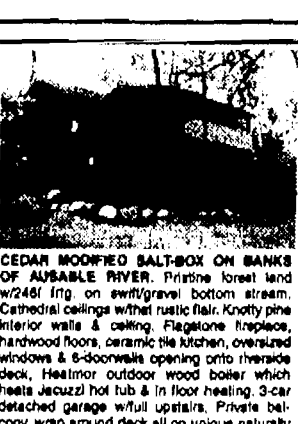
**WELL MAINTAINED HOME WITH CEDAR SIDING,** stone fireplace wood stove and ceiling fans in most rooms. Also has a large Andersen Bow Window overlooking a large yard. Adjacent 1.1 acre parcel with Oak and Pine on secluded 1.5 acres has new roof and new septic. ACH-1901 \$11,900



**NICE 3 BR. HOUSE 2 BLOCKS FROM MANISTEE RIVER FLY WATER'S** year-round trout fishing, state land in walking distance, the perfect place to observe all of nature out your back door. DB-1934 \$95,000



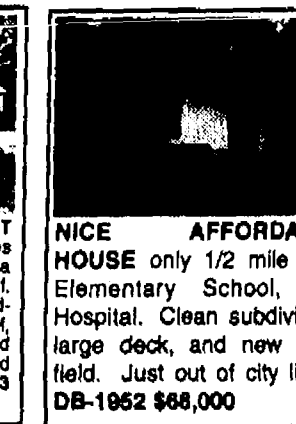
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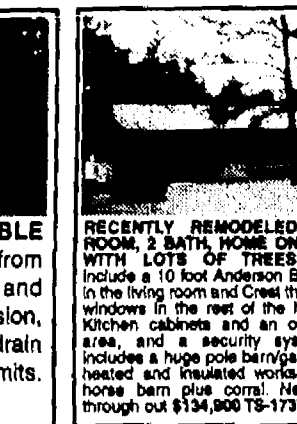
**CEDAR MODIFIED SALT-BOX ON BANKS OF AUSALE RIVER.** Private, forest land w/484 ftg on well-gravel bottom stream. Cathedral ceilings with rustic knotty pine interior walls & ceiling. Flagstone fireplace, hardwood floors, ceramic tile kitchen, oversized windows & 6-doorwalks opening onto private deck. Exterior outdoor wood boiler, which heats jacuzzi hot tub & in floor heating. 3 car detached garage w/vinyl upstairs. Private tel. covey, wrap around deck all on unique naturally landscaped 6.5 Acres. CH-1987 \$239,000



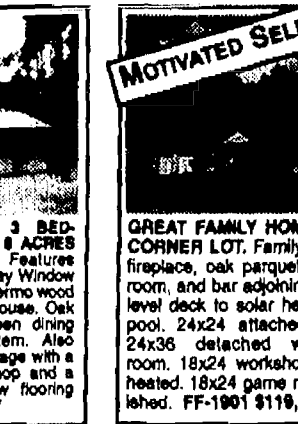
**SPACIOUS HOME IN EAST BRANCH ESTATES** features beautiful towering pine trees in a park-like setting. This 2080 s.f. 4BR, 2BA home includes a remodeled family room, updated roof, water softener, all appliances, and two woodburners. Priced right and conveniently located. CH-1933 \$74,900



**NICE AFFORDABLE HOUSE** only 1/2 mile from Elementary School, and Hospital. Clean subdivision, large deck, and new drain field. Just out of city limits. DB-1952 \$68,000



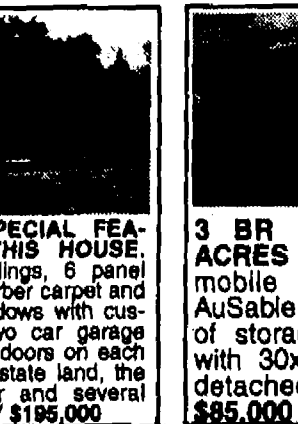
**RECENTLY REMODELED 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME ON 3 ACRES** WITH LOTS OF TREES. Features a 10 foot Andersen Bay Window in the living room and Great thermo wood windows in the rest of the house. Oak kitchen cabinets and an open dining area, and a security system. Also includes a huge pole barnage with heated and insulated workshop and a horse barn plus corral. New flooring through out \$134,900 TS-1737



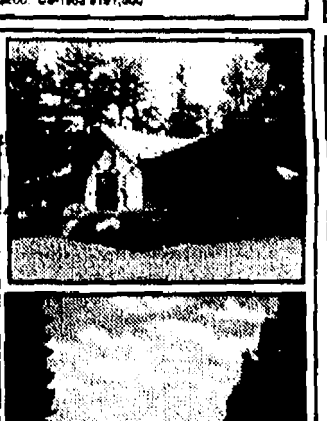
**GREAT FAMILY HOME ON LARGE CORNER LOT.** Family room with gas fireplace, oak parquet floor in dining room, and bar adjoining kitchen. Multi level deck to solar heated swimming pool. 24x24 attached garage with 24x36 detached workshop/garage room. 18x24 workshop finished and heated. 18x24 garage room is also finished. FF-1901 \$119,900



**LOTS OF SPECIAL FEATURES IN THIS HOUSE** T&G pine ceilings, 6 paneled doors, Berber carpet and Andersen Windows with custom blinds. Two car garage with overhead doors on each end. Close to state land, the AUSALE River and several lakes. GB-1907 \$195,000



**3 BR HOME ON 5 ACRES** close to snowmobile trails and the AUSALE River. All sorts of storage possibilities with 30x20 and 24x20 detached buildings. \$85,000 SL-1968



**120 FTG. ON CANAL.** Full seawall with 6x16 waterside deck. Irrigated landscaped lawn. Blacktop driveway. Association (\$200.00 Annual) offers lakefront beach, park and road maintenance. This 1824 s.f. 3BR 2BA home features: a 14x28 family room overlooking Lake Margrethe. The trap-a-zoid windows, skylights, & large bay window enhance the natural lighting and gorgeous view. Full-wall brick fireplace, all appliances, plus heated 26x28 garage. CH-1969 \$299,000



**250' FRONTAGE ON AUSALE RIVER.** Secluded waterfront setting with majestic red & white pines, pine dunes, skylights, & large bay window enhance the natural lighting and gorgeous view. Full-wall brick fireplace, all appliances, plus heated 26x28 garage. CH-1974 \$215,000



**SPACIOUS AND OPEN HOUSE** is on 10 acres with 40 acres of state land on one side. There are three bedrooms and two huge bathrooms. The house is currently being rented out. Great investment! Property also includes a cabin that is currently being rented out. Property is 10 acres. \$79,900.00. CH-1882



**3 Bedroom, 2 bath home** offers 1056 square feet and detached garage. In the village of Roscommon. Sit at end of a semi-private road. Property also includes a cabin that is currently being rented out. Great investment! Property is 10 acres. \$79,900.00. CH-1882



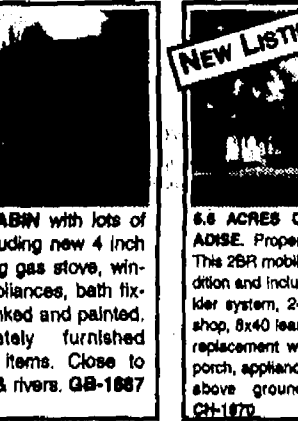
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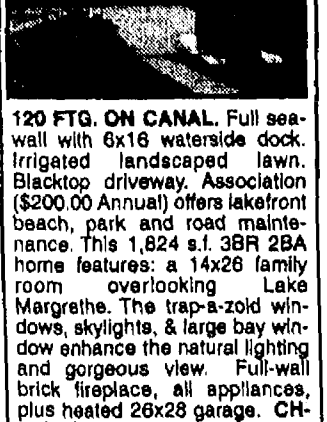
**3BR 2BATH HOME WITH FULL BASEMENT.** Wrap-around three season porch and deck for outdoor entertaining. Hardwood floors, oak cabinets, and tiled gas fireplace, and hot water boiler. Wonderfully wooded parcel with development potential. Energy efficient home with course facility. Built on 225 acre. Interior partitions insulated for sound deadening. 24x32 insulated and heated garage. FF-1908 \$249,900



**RUSTIC LOG CABIN** with lots of new updates including new 4 inch well, free standing gas stove, windows, carpet, appliances, bath fixtures, logs re-chinked and painted. Comes completely furnished except personal items. Close to state land, lakes & rivers. GB-1987 \$54,900



**6.5 ACRES OF SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE.** Property backs up to State Land. This 2BR mobile home is in excellent condition and includes two water wells, spring system, 24x40 garage/heated workshop, 10x18 wood deck, 20x24 Concrete Apron, & 1 1/2 car attached garage. Purchaser has first option on adjacent lot for \$6,500. CH-1942 \$88,900



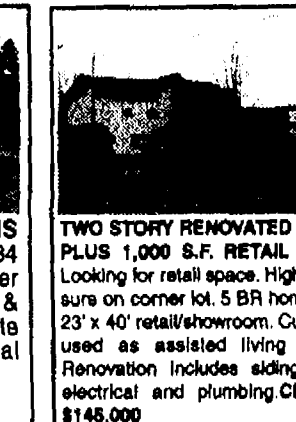
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**2.5 ACRES OFF BURTON'S LANDING ROAD** 30 x 34 log cottage. AUSALE River access, includes windows & doors, travel trailer on site available for purchase for additional \$4,000. \$75,900. CH-1913



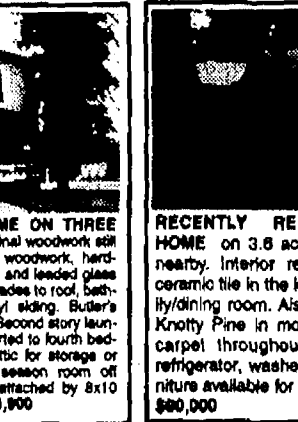
**TWO STORY RENOVATED HOME PLUS 1,000 S.F. RETAIL SHOP.** Looking for retail space. High exposure on corner lot. 5 BR home with 23' x 40' retail/shoproom. Currently used as assisted living home. Renovation includes siding, roof, electrical and plumbing. CH-1892 \$145,000



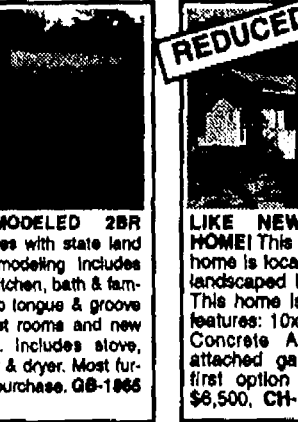
**TWO LOTS IN MANISTEE RIVER** Private Park with 600+/- frontage on Manistee River. Back and side yard access to private park. Family room with fireplace. Sliding door wall onto private rear deck. 1,856 sq. ft. 2 BA. Extensive new deck, landscaping yard. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, water softener included. Water and sewer. New roof 2002, new furnace 2003. TS-1935 \$136,000



**CHARMING 1810 HOME ON THREE LOTS IN THE CITY.** Original woodwork, all French doors, original woodwork, hardwood floors, oak cabinets, and tiled gas fireplace, and hot water boiler. Wonderfully wooded parcel with development potential. Energy efficient home with course facility. Built on 225 acre. Interior partitions insulated for sound deadening. 24x32 insulated and heated garage. FF-1908 \$249,900



**RECENTLY REMODELED 2BR HOME** on 3.8 acres with state land nearby. Interior remodeling includes ceramic tile in the kitchen, bath & family/dining room. Also long & grove. Kountry Pine in main room and new carpet throughout. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. Most furniture available for purchase. GB-1866 \$90,900



**LIKE NEW RANCH STYLE HOME!** This immaculate 3BR, 1BA home is located on a large natural landscaped lot in Plantation Park. This home is very efficient. Features: 10x18 wood deck, 20x24 Concrete Apron, & 1 1/2 car attached garage. Purchaser has first option on adjacent lot for \$6,500. CH-1942 \$88,900



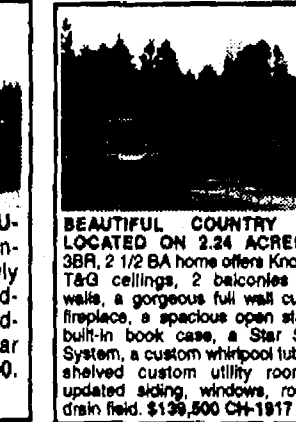
**RIVER FRONT HIDE AWAY IN THE WOODS,** less than 3 miles from town, on private drive, 3.9 acres, 600+ feet of frontage on the AUSALE River Mainstream. Landscaped yard w/vineyard, sparkling swimming pool, wrap around deck, pole barn, 75x75 garden, 16 pine throughout the house huge brick fireplace. DB-1995 \$335,000



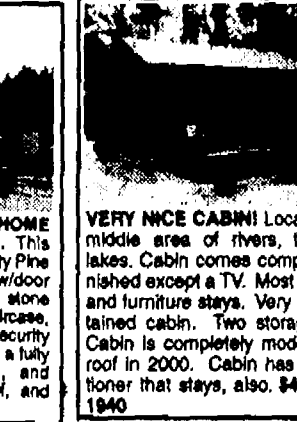
**176' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF AUSALE RIVER** 2,198 s.f. brick home w/full walk-out basement, 800 s.f. wrap-around deck, custom cedar sauna, brick fireplace w/gas logs, sliding doorwall out to patio and riverlake Jacuzzi hot tub. Fully landscaped and all appliances. \$279,500. CH-1938



**AUSALE RIVER - the ultimate in total seclusion.** 17 acres, 1,700' frontage all adjoining Huron Nat'l Forest. 2,672 s.f., 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths. 26x66 garage, 43'x50' finished workshop, great room w/fieldstone fireplace, 40 foot window wall over looking horseshoe bend in river. Nicely landscaped, Corian counter tops, custom appliances, tons of extras. Perfect corporate retreat or family getaway. \$675,000. CH-1839



**CITY LOCATION WITH DOUBLE CORNER LOT.** Full finished basement, newly remodeled including hardwood flooring, windows, siding, 3 br, 2 bath, two car detached garage. \$78,900. CH-1932



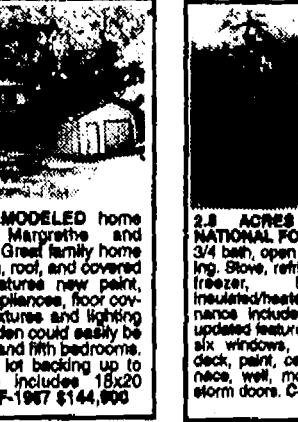
**BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOME LOCATED ON 2.24 ACRES.** The 3BR, 2 1/2 BA home offers Knotty Pine T&G ceilings, 2 balconies w/door wells, a gorgeous full wall stone fireplace, a spacious open staircase, built-in book case, a Star Security System, a custom whirlpool tub, a fully shelled custom utility room, and updated siding, windows, roof, and drain field. \$139,500 CH-1817



**VERY NICE CABIN** Located in the middle area of rivers, trails, and lakes. Cabin comes completely furnished except a TV. Most lawn tools and furniture stays. Very well maintained cabin. Includes a great starter home or a very nice up north cabin. Cabin is completely modern. New roof in 2000. Cabin has air conditioner that stays, also, \$46,900 TS-1840



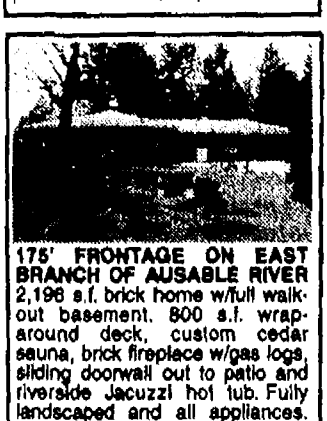
**BEAUTIFUL GOLF COURSE LOT WITH 308' FRONTAGE ON 12TH GREEN** Fox Run Country Club is a top quality 18 hole Championship golf course. This property is 1.5 acres of rolling hardwoods, deep valleys, marsh and water holes. 4 Mile Rd. West 1/4 mile to Fox Run Golf Course. Look for REMAX signs. SL-1960 \$39,900



**COMPLETELY REMODELED home** close to Lake Margrethe and Snowmobile Trails. Great family home featuring new siding, roof, and covered porch. Interior features new paint, kitchen cabinets, appliances, floor covering, bathroom fixtures and lighting fixtures. Office and den could easily be converted into two bedrooms. Beautifully wooded lot backing up to state land. Also includes 18x20 detached garage. FF-1907 \$144,900



**2.5 ACRES ADJOINING HURON NATIONAL FOREST** Remodeled 3 BR, 1 1/4 bath, open great room w/ vaulted ceiling. Stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and freezer. BEST-OF-ALL! 30x40 insulated/heated garage. Road maintenance included in lot bid. Remodeled updated features include vinyl siding, roof, 16 windows, history kitchen, cabinets, deck, paint, ceramic tile, bathrooms, furnace, well, hot springs, 4 doors and storm doors. CH-1784 \$88,900



**176' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF AUSALE RIVER** 2,198 s.f. brick home w/full walk-out basement, 800 s.f. wrap-around deck, custom cedar sauna, brick fireplace w/gas logs, sliding doorwall out to patio and riverlake Jacuzzi hot tub. Fully landscaped and all appliances. \$279,500. CH-1938



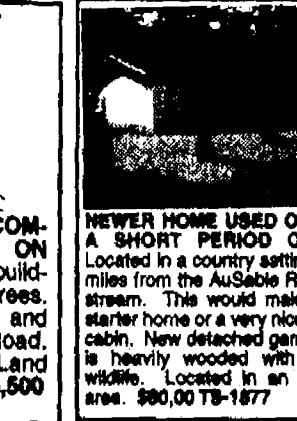
**AUSALE RIVER - the ultimate in total seclusion.** 17 acres, 1,700' frontage all adjoining Huron Nat'l Forest. 2,672 s.f., 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths. 26x66 garage, 43'x50' finished workshop, great room w/fieldstone fireplace, 40 foot window wall over looking horseshoe bend in river. Nicely landscaped, Corian counter tops, custom appliances, tons of extras. Perfect corporate retreat or family getaway. \$675,000. CH-1839



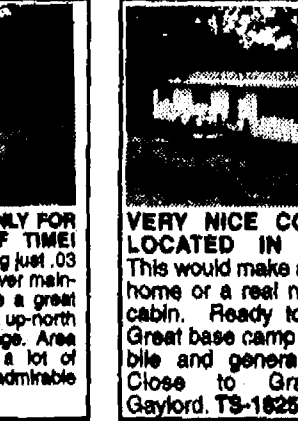
**GREAT LITTLE HOUSE WITH NEW CARPET AND FRESH INTERIOR PAINT.** Includes a heated bunk house/guest house, 2 1/2 acres and 1 1/2 car garage. Backs up to State Land. Close to snowmobile trails and the AUSALE River. GB-1964 \$72,900



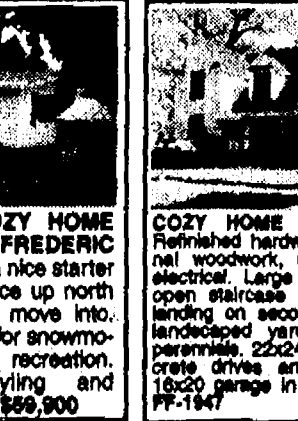
**505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST!** Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AUSALE Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$126,500



**NEWER HOME USED ONLY FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME!** Located in a country setting just .03 miles from the AUSALE River mainstream. This would make a great starter home or a very nice up north cabin. New detached garage. Area is heavily wooded with a lot of wildlife. Located in an admirable area. \$80,000 TS-1877



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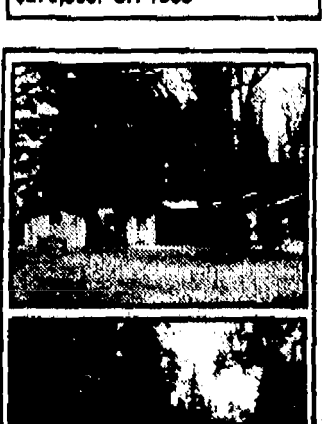
**COZY HOME IN THE CITY.** Refreshed hardwood floors, original woodwork, updated kitchen, electrical. Large foyer with original open staircase leading to large landing on second floor. Nicely landscaped yard with beautiful perennial garden, 20x24 garage with concrete drive and an additional 18x20 detached garage in back. \$129,900 FF-1947



**ACCESS/VIEW OF AUSALE RIVER** Features 13' to AUSALE River Mainstream. Full upper cabin in shell status. Older well and septic-not hooked up. 900 s.f. cabin, currently used as workshop. Gas wall furnace includes older trailer & riding lawn mower. Closing after 1/1/04. \$29,500 CH-1861



**1000 S.F. LIVING AREA.** 3BR, 2BA, basement & garage. Drywall throughout, Bay window in living room, garden window in kitchen, new electrical, furnace, vinyl siding, 4 inch well, side yard, deck, covered porch, large front & side yards. Better in process of moving. New carpet in L.R., BR, bath, hallway. Hardwood floors in entryway. Garage replacement not with weather panels. CH-1990 \$165,000



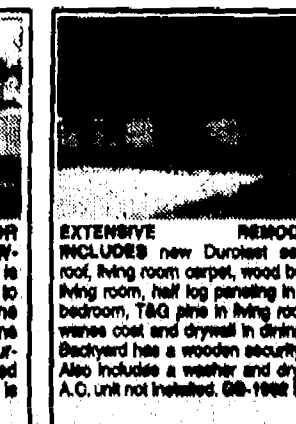
**SECLUDED RIVERFRONT ESTATE** 36 acres of pristine forest land, 911' frontage on famous lower NORTH BRANCH of AUSALE River. Rare fishing retreat with development potential. Private gated driveway, 2,123 s.f. sportsman retreat, 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, split stone fireplace, full appliances, and modern lighting. 1 1/2 car garage. Knotty pine interior, vaulted ceilings, custom kitchen, recessed lighting, bar (4) sliding door walls overlooking the river. High bank setting with new river. CH-1986 \$299,000



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**EXTENSIVE REMODELING INCLUDES** new Durocoat seamless roof, living room carpet, wood burner in living room, half log parading in master bedroom, T&G pine in living room, oak veneer coat and drywall in dining room. Backyard has a wooden security fence. Also includes a weather and dryer place. A/C unit not included. GB-1986 \$99,999



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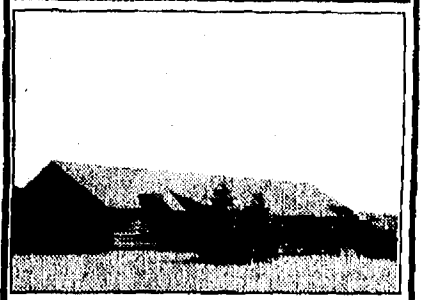


**QUALITY BUILT 1 1/2 STORY CHALET** with a fully finished walk out basement located on 3 plus acres. Located near Stephan Bridge with easy access to the AuSable River and also includes a separate 2 car garage, two fireplaces, one gas and one wood in a great private setting. \$175,000

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**CLEAN 2 BEDROOM** mobile with storage barn. Three miles from town \$425 a month, security deposit, references required. No pets. 348-8386. (-15-22/2)

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**2. For Rent**

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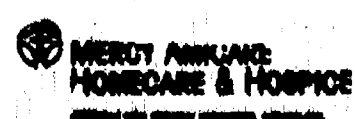
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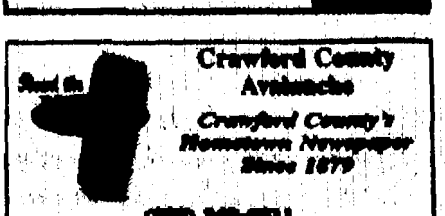
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**USED BOOK SALE** at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plow Street, Wednesday, July 21 2:00 to 6:00 pm; Thursday, July 22 10:00 to 7:00 pm; Friday, July 23 10:00 to 4:00 pm. (SGF-15-22/8)

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**YARD SALE** 2 family, doll supplies. 9 to 5, July 23-24. 3883 Juniper Way off North Down. (-22/10)

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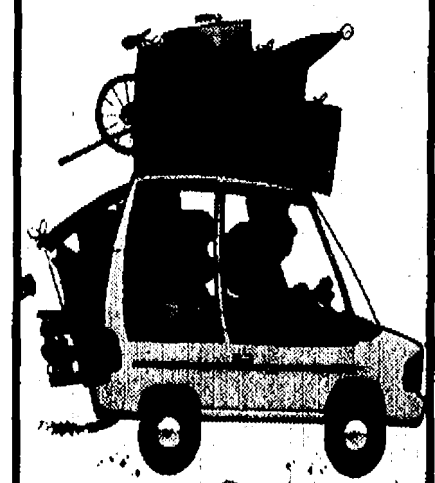
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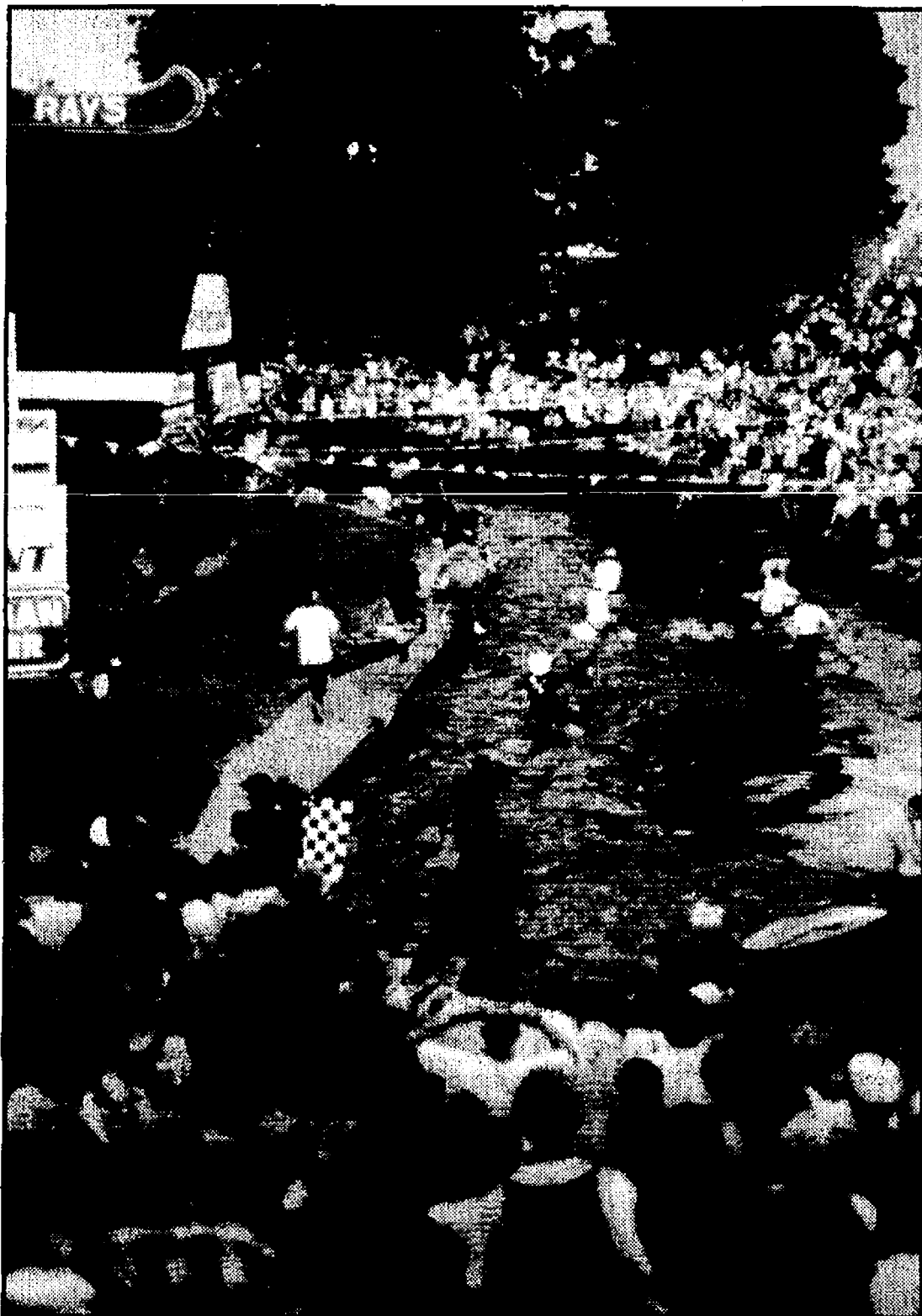
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### Countdown to the CANNON BLAST

As the last seconds tick down to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, spectators at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon can imagine what is going on in the minds of the 124 paddlers lined up by their canoes on a stretch of Peninsular Avenue between Michigan and Ionia in Grayling.

Some will be wondering if they'll be up to the mammoth task ahead.

To that end, over the past twelve months, many racers have logged more than 300 hours paddling, hundreds of miles of running and cross-country skiing and additional hours in weight rooms or gyms. For them, the past year's training focused on one giant event – the Marathon.

All those hours, all that training, all funneling down to a single cannon blast that signals the start of the 2004 race, beginning with the frantic LeMans-style run to the river past multiple rows of spectators lined up shoulder-to-shoulder on the curbs.

Most of the racers will be tensing up in readiness in the seconds before the big gun booms, and many spectators will be equally nervous in anticipation.

Friends, family members and supporters will be on edge as one of sports' oldest dramas – old versus young – will be played out in the 57th Marathon.

Veteran champions Serge Corbin (47) and Jeff Kolka (45) will defend their title for a record eighth straight time against two young men just reaching their prime, Andy Triebold (27) and Steve Lajoie (28), who have pushed the champs in each of the last three Triple Crowns.

At New York's General Clinton on May 31, Corbin-Kolka defeated Triebold-Lajoie by only one minute, 43 seconds in a race lasting a little over seven hours. Last Labor Day weekend, Corbin-Kolka beat Triebold-Lajoie by a scant 39 seconds in the three-day La Classique. In the 2003 Marathon, Corbin-Kolka edged out Triebold-Lajoie by one minute, 48 seconds.

Will 2004's race be the one in which Triebold-Lajoie break through? Are they destined to become the champions? Could this year be the start of a string of victories in the style of Corbin-Kolka? Will they leave the very long list of distinguished paddlers who finished 2nd in the Marathon without ever winning the race?

Will Corbin-Kolka continue to amaze fans in this running of the Marathon? In most other sports, older athletes are extending their careers, but usually not at the top level consistently maintained by those two. Can they win an absolutely unprecedented ninth consecutive Marathon? Such thoughts will be on the minds of many as the seconds tick down to the cannon blast.

And waiting by their canoes will be another young team looking to break through against the champs – Mo Harwood (25) and Matt Rimer (20). The two challenged in 2002 to take 2nd place and finished 5th in '03.

Other contenders for the top five spots will be the teams of Jim Harwood (39), the 1995 Marathon champ, and Denis Berthiaume (39),

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**Top:** Spectators watch as teams jump in the AuSable in front of Ray's in a 1990's Marathon. **Above:** After the cannon blast, the paddlers take off down Peninsular to the river in 1999. **Right:** The LeMans-style start in 2001.



Bill Bocks Photo



# Everything you need to know to become an 'insider fan'

The AuSable River Marathon attracts some of the toughest race fans in the world. They are also some of the most knowledgeable fans about the little-known sport of canoe racing. Here are some DO and DON'T tips passed on from these experts to novice fans:

- DO watch the other races in addition to the one for 1st place. Although the competition for 1st place crowns the fastest team, the battles for other titles can be just as fierce. Five other divisions are officially recognized: mixed teams', women's, amateurs', masters' and seniors'.

- DON'T yell at a team to hurry up because they're "an hour (or whatever) behind the leaders." Most teams are realistically racing for the five other titles and for personal goals such as a top ten finish, a Marathon age record or to beat 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19 hours.

- DO carry your Program Book and Spectator Guide with you. Instead of a nameless team passing by, you can identify the canoes carrying special teams, such as the father-son team of Frank and Bill Smutek or the brother-sister duo of Ted Smutek and Amy Solak. (Yes, Ted and Amy are the son and daughter of Frank, too. And you may not have known that without reading the Spectator Guide.)

- DON'T shine your flashlight in the faces of the paddlers at night. This bothers racers and makes it more difficult for them to see obstacles in the river at night. If you need to see a canoe number, try to shine your flashlight on the canoe after the rear paddler has passed parallel to you.

- DO offer encouragement. Many racers say that cheering from the fans is the only way they make it to the finish line in Oscoda. Some of the organized cheers that take place at locations year after year are really appreciated by racers.

- DON'T throw firecrackers or shoot off fireworks in the air over the racers. To avoid obstacles in the river at night, racers are listening to the water and straining to see. Shooting fireworks to help the

racers could have the opposite effect.

- DO watch the time trials and check the final results. Even though they may be as short as five and a half minutes, they are amazingly accurate predictors of the 14- to 19-hour Marathon. Most teams finish within three spots of their time trials finish. Plus, the exceptions to the rule are also fun teams to watch, such as Marathon legend Al Widing Sr. (79), who usually paddles the second half of the race faster than the first half.

- DO listen to the radio reports or check the web sites during the race. Often you can identify a team that's moving up in the standings or is in trouble.

- DON'T assume, because a couple of teams are riding together early in the race, they will be together the whole race. Many fast teams unfamiliar with the AuSable follow a local team through the night and then pull away when daylight comes.

- DO check water levels. With the last three years' levels near record lows, a year with average levels will seem great to racers. Water level can affect the times of the top teams by an hour or more. The United States Geological Survey has data from a couple locations on the AuSable at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/mi>

- DON'T ignore point-to-point records this year. Water levels are expected to be decent, and a close race could produce a new record or two.

- DO notice which teams are racing in packs and who is going alone. Riding in the wake of another boat is often practiced to save energy. It's likely a team that had the benefit of riding wakes of other boats will have more energy for the last sprint than a team that had to go alone for most of the race. If you are watching a close race between two teams, check to see if one team seems to be more often riding the wake or leading.

- DON'T be fooled by the lack of national media attention about the skills of the top teams. If not for a slight quirk of fate way back when the Olympics adopted high-kneel canoe racing as one



**AuSable Marathon paddlers approach the Maple Street bridge in Grayling during the start of the 2003 race.**

of its summer sports games, this drama might be playing out on the world stage of the Olympics. If marathon canoe racing had been selected as an Olympic sport, the entire world would likely know several of our Marathon champions as gold medal winners.

- DO talk to other fans at viewing

points. The stories passed on by veterans are priceless.

- DON'T litter the roadsides or the AuSable River. It's a Marathon custom to tie inconsiderate fans by their feet from a bridge above the river and let them hang there until the end of the race. (Just kidding.)

## Countdown to the CANNON BLAST

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who finished 3rd last year; Rick Joy (45) and Louis Berthiaume (45); and Bill Torongo (42) and Clark Kent (44).

The mixed team competition will again be one of the best "races within the race" to watch. The top teams include Mandy Trudgeon (23), of the '03 winning team, and Matt Streib (44), the 6th place overall finisher in '03; the husband-wife combo of Allen Limberg (46) and Barb Bradley (47), the mixed team winners in '02 (and leaders of last year's mixed team race until late in the course); the brother-sister pairing of Ted Smutek (36) and Amy Solak (39); Gloria Wesley (44) and Doug Howard (43); and Deb Perry (46) and Joe Seifert (52). A total of 11 mixed teams

were entered at press time.

The women's title competition features '03 winner Lynne Witte (50), in her silver anniversary race, and Stephanie Larsen (27) against Abby Kingman (42) and Karen Levitt (36).

Another notable professional team will include Al Widing Sr. (79), racing in his thirty-fifth Marathon, and Jerry Killingbeck (35). Widing, who raced his first Marathon in 1955, has crossed the finish line in six different decades.

Frank Smutek (70) will race with his son, Bill Smutek (37), as will Tom Trudgeon (45) and Ray Trudgeon (22). Jeff Janish (41) teams with his daughter, Theresa Janish, the youngest paddler this year (15); and Bob Bradford (62) will

hook up with his grandson, David Phelps (17).

Three brother teams are competing: Rod (19) and Ryan Halstead (17); Alfred (20) and Brian Borchers (17); Devin (26) and Brett Arenz (25). Nick Bauer (44) is racing with his nephew, Brad Bauer (30).

The amateur race, which covers the same course as the professional race, has only two entries, Jeremy Messerschmidt (19) with Matt Cottrell (20) and Mark Noorman (35) with Rob Pease (29).

Forty-one racers come from outside of Michigan. Eight hail from Minnesota, six from New Hampshire, five from Quebec, three each from Ohio, Massachusetts, Vermont, Wisconsin and Belize, two each from Indiana, Pennsylvania and

Washington and one from Colorado.

As of July 9, 62 teams were entered.

And as for spectators, how many will be here? That's always difficult to estimate. The Michigan State Police has guessed that 10,000 fans gathered one year in Grayling for the start, while race officials estimate that a total of 50,000 catch at least a part of the Marathon.

One thing, though, is for sure. The 19-hour race is one of the toughest in the world to follow. If you plan to be among the spectators at the 2004 running of the Marathon, keep reading in this Spectator Guide for tips.

And if you're going to be here, we'll see you sometime before, during or after the countdown to the CANNON BLAST.

**ARICM FAST FACTS**  
Official Marathon information is available, including rules of the 5th river  
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**For information on the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing, go to:**

[www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org/re102-06.htm](http://www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org/re102-06.htm)  
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# 'The world's toughest spectator race'

## A beginner's guide to the AuSable River Marathon

Are you about to find out why the AuSable River Canoe Marathon is called the world's toughest spectator race? Some fans follow the entire race for up to 19 straight hours over 100 road miles through the night and following day – sometimes in rain, fog, thunderstorms and/or stifling heat.

If this is your first time following the race, please play it safe and resist the urge to rush, rush, rush.

Lots of fans get caught up in the excitement of following the battle for the lead. Large crowds follow the top teams from timing point to timing point. At the bridges early in the race, you might have to park a half-mile away and then hurry to catch the leaders before they pass, but there are other ways to enjoy the Marathon.

Here's one "beginner's guide" to the AuSable River Canoe Marathon:

**START** – Make sure you have a full tank of gas. Park your vehicle on the north side of the river, as close to Michigan Avenue as you can get. Parking should be available at the elementary and primary schools on Michigan Avenue next to Mercy Hospital. Although M-72 (on the south side of the river) is a good route out of town, too, there will be fewer people on the north side (North Down River Road).

Go to the pre-race activities at Ray's Canoe Livery. They are a must for all beginners. Right away, you'll get a feel that this is a crazy race, plus you'll get an idea about the tough spectators who follow it.

Select a spot on the bank opposite Ray's to watch the start of the race. After the cannon booms, the best teams usually reach the river first. Go ahead and watch all the teams jump in the river.

Immediately afterward, some people will be running to their cars, but you'll

have time to just walk to your vehicle.

**STEPHAN BRIDGE** – Your first viewing spot will give you a taste of the party atmosphere of the race. Take your time leaving town. Go on Michigan Avenue to North Down River Road and head east. You have plenty of time to reach Stephan Bridge before the leaders reach it. Go past the intersection of Stephan Bridge and North Down River Road and park as far off the shoulder of the road as possible, facing east, the direction you will head next.

You should reach Stephan 30-45 minutes before the first canoes. The bridge will have a large light illuminating it, but you'll still want to bring a flashlight for your walk back to your car. When you arrive early to a site such as this one, you have your choice of prime viewing spots. Try alternating where you stop to watch. At one site, select a place where you can see as far upstream as possible. At the next site, go down to the river level beneath the bridge or along the shore for a closer view of the canoes. Try not to view from areas directly beneath the crowds as fans can accidentally spill or drop things.

Although you have to wait a while at Stephan, you'll find quite a few other fans already there. Don't be afraid to ask knowledgeable people questions about the race and the paddlers. Sometimes you can sit next to the official timers, but don't talk to them when the canoes are going past.

At Stephan, you can watch all the canoes go by even though the leaders will be as far as 50 minutes ahead of the last teams. Although other people will rush off after the first canoes are through, you're going to jump ahead to McMasters Bridge just in time to reach the bridge before the leaders.

**McMASTERS BRIDGE** – You'll have

to park along the shoulder of the road on the north side of the river. Some fans, eager to rush to the next spot, will turn around and park facing north. But because you are staying to watch a lot of canoes go by, the crowds will be thinner when you leave. So it's okay to wait to turn around when you leave. McMasters has traditionally been the loudest, wildest bridge-viewing spot for the race. Again, wait for all the canoes to go by. A couple canoes will probably not beat the four-hour cut-off time to McMasters and will be eliminated.

**MIO DAM** – After you leave McMasters, you'll head to Mio Dam. Park on the north side of the bridge over M-72 and walk to the dam viewing area where the big lights are set up. You'll need a flashlight to walk there. Mio Dam is considered to be the "hump" of the Marathon. Most teams that make it to Mio under the seven-hour cut-off time will likely finish the Marathon. The temperature is sometimes 10-15 degrees colder on the bottom of Mio Dam, so you may want to carry warmer clothes with you here. This is the last place you'll watch all the racers go by until the finish.

**ALCONA DAM** – The jump-ahead from Mio to Alcona Dam sometimes lets you take a 30- to 40-minute nap. This is where dawn will greet you and the other hardy fans. Hot coffee is usually sold in the parking area by the dam. Many fans break out what they brought for breakfast here. You'll see most of the canoes go through here, but at 7 a.m., you'll need to leave.

**FIVE CHANNELS DAM** – Five Channels has a beautiful view on the north side of the river. You can see the racers paddle, portage down the steep hill and go beneath the two bridges. You may want to walk over to get a close-up view of the teams running down the steep

portage. The morning dew and water spilled on the grass by canoes sometimes make the slope even more slippery than usual, so take care. The race for the top five spots will likely be heating up, so you're going to leave by 8 a.m.

**COOKE DAM** – Often times the morning heat will start to build up here, and fans will switch from their night-time cold-weather clothes to something more summery. At Cooke, you may begin to notice a big difference in the fans following the race. You can begin to tell who has followed the race all night and who is joining the event after a good night's sleep. If you're enjoying the race among the leaders, leave by 9:15 a.m. If you want to stay a while longer, skip Foote Dam and leave at 10:30 a.m. for the finish line in Oscoda.

**FOOTE DAM** – The steep portage at Foote Dam is sometimes the scene of an all-out sprint among teams for top spots.

**OSCODA** – The finish area is always a stage for a wide range of human emotions among racers and supporters, from jubilation to disappointment, from satisfaction to anger. The spot the paddlers disembark from their boats is farther downstream and offers a more interesting show than the finish line across the river.

If you make it to Oscoda, congratulations. You've joined the elite group of AuSable River Marathon fans who are among the toughest spectators in the world.

**THE WHOLE RACE** – Perhaps the most important tip for the entire Marathon is a safety tip. Driving all night on two-lane roads and then driving home after staying up all night is dangerous. Many fans choose to stay in Oscoda, at camp grounds or in motels. Others make arrangements for fresh fans (those who slept on Saturday night and rejoined the race in the morning) to drive them home.

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amateur championship race.

Featuring a LeMans-style start, it is an opportunity for AuSable River Canoe Marathon participants to practice the course in daylight hours under race conditions and for first-timers to measure themselves against the cut-off times for the Marathon.

For information,  
contact Race Coordinator John Lucey  
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### AuSable National Scenic River

The AuSable National Scenic River is a 23-mile segment of the Main Branch, located near the communities of Mio and McKinley. The segment begins below Mio Pond and ends at the bridge on Forest Service Road 4001.

#### National Scenic River Information to Know:

- Personal flotation devices are required for each watercraft occupant and must be worn by children 6 and under at all times.
  - It's the law.
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Some Forest Service access sites on the AuSable River require A Recreation Fee Demonstration (RFD) Vehicle Pass. RFD passes may be purchased at local vendors, liveries and Forest Service Offices. RFD funds support local access sites and programs.



# Volunteers make the Marathon happen

**Adapted from *Experience the Tradition: The First Fifty Years of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon* by Nancy Lemmen**

For the volunteers of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, the race has always been purely a labor of love. After more than a half-century of the running of the Marathon, the race continues to be planned, staffed and administered by committees and individuals.

The Marathon has the best volunteers as a group in North America, racer Peter Heed of New Hampshire told Jon Thompson and me when we were writing *Experience the Tradition* in 1997. Heed said he appreciated the split time and point-to-point records and found volunteers helpful during one race when his partner had back trouble around Camp Ten and his team had to pull out.

"There are very few events on this scale where fans of the race are still putting on the race," said Steve Southard, owner of Ray's Canoe Livery & Fly Factory and long-time volunteer. "Everything we do goes back into the race because it's such a wonderful and unique event. Usually it's a community venture where people are making money.

"Over the years, a whole lot of (volunteers) who have found their niches come back time after time because it is so rewarding. When they've had enough, others step in."

An early Marathon volunteer was C. Ray Snider, owner of Ray's Canoe Livery in Grayling, who planned out the first race in 1947 with Hardin (Frank) Davis, secretary-manager of the East Michigan Tourist Association, and Howard Brubaker, then president of the Oscoda Chamber of Commerce. Snider served as the general chairperson several years and "devoted a great deal of time and effort to the Marathon," said John B. Cook, Marathon historian. Except for three races, the Marathon has always started from in front of Ray's Canoe Livery.

Frank Davis was having coffee with Howard Brubaker at Sie & Gert's Restaurant in Oscoda when they developed the idea of running a non-stop canoe marathon from Grayling to Oscoda as a way of drawing tourists to the area after Labor Day, explained Cook.

The EMTA held its first Marathon meeting on April 22, 1947, in Mio, and the first Marathon was run on September 6-7 of the same year. Davis utilized the

resources of the EMTA to actively promote the Marathon during its first ten years.

The Marathon would not have existed without the efforts of Harry Curley, who was its driving force and who was named "Mr. AuSable Canoe Race" by the Michigan Canoe Racing Association and the Michigan State Legislature in 1972. Throughout a quarter-century, Curley served as a timer, judge, fund raiser and general chairman.

"Probably no other person associated with the AuSable River Canoe Marathon has made a greater contribution in time, effort and enthusiasm than Harry Curley," said Cook.

Cook himself has been a diligent and scrupulous record-keeper of the Marathon. As volunteer historian, he has followed races; researched endless files; interviewed racers, organizers and fans; collected old and new photos; clipped and saved newspaper stories; taken photos; and tallied vast quantities of information.

John "has always been interested in the quality of the event and the integrity of the sport," said Joe Wakeley, also a long-time Marathon volunteer.

"John is wonderful," said Lynne Witte, a veteran of 24 Marathons, MCRA president and another person who contributes many summer hours to the venture. "Whenever I need statistics, that guy has everything I want. He's a valuable resource."

Countless other individuals have helped the Marathon in a variety of ways.

Harry Curley said that one year when the race was short of needed prize money, Bill Cottrill stood on the corner of what is now the Oscoda Township Hall lawn and sold \$800 in raffle tickets as the teams were paddling toward the finish line.

In 1968, when Stan Hall and Ralph Sawyer won \$1,000 for 1st place, they donated \$100 back so there would be enough money for all the finishers.

Steve Southard, present owner of Ray's Canoe Livery & Fly Factory, has been a tireless worker and dedicated leader of the Marathon since the 1970's, said Cook. Thanks to his efforts, "the race has grown in sponsorship, community involvement and racer participation to levels unequalled in its history. His computer and writing skills combined with his fax machine have been primarily responsible for the explosion in media coverage since the 1980's. From where Harry Curley left off, Steve Southard has picked up the banner of the Marathon and carried it upward."



**Marathon volunteers Marian and Jerry LaMotte**

"I'm in awe of the Southard family and how they put up with the whole thing," said Marcia Koppa, a dedicated and tireless ARICM committee member.

"It was never a question of putting up with the hassle it causes our business," said Southard. "When we bought into the canoe livery, we bought into the responsibility of helping to put on the race. No way would I ever think of letting the race fade away. . . . But I understand the dedication required to organize the race."

In the late 1970's, when the Marathon almost disappeared, Southard and other ARICM committee members planned ways to improve it, including pushing the purse to \$25,000 to entice more paddlers. He has continually looked for creative ways to cover the race and interest the various media.

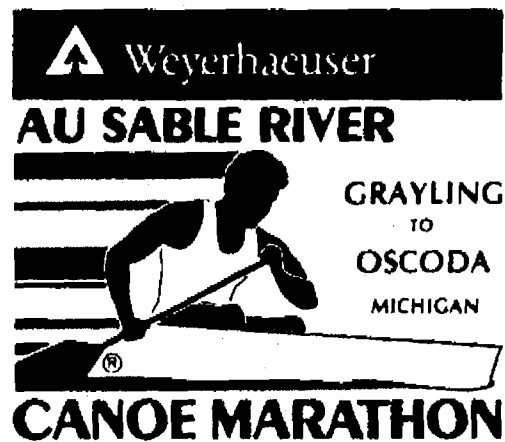
Year after year, ARICM members devote countless hours to provide continuity of leadership and to manage the ever-growing financial responsibility of the race, said Cook.

Joe Wakeley has volunteered "on and off," he said, since 1964.

"In the late '80s, he was a judge," said Phil Weiler, an ARICM volunteer since 1983. "Ever since then, he has been a judge and has run the pre-race briefings. He makes sure all the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed; he hands out the parking and feeder passes and does all the race night essentials; and he has acted as a cut-off judge for many years at Mio and Five Channels. Joe is what the committee is all about. He comes back every year because he - and we all - want to promote Grayling and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon and because he has a great relationship with the paddlers."

Weiler, co-chair of the Marathon in 1992 and '93, is the merchandise chair and rules sub-committee member for 2004.

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## 57th AuSable River Canoe Marathon

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is organized by the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon, Inc. (ARICM), a non-profit organization whose purpose is to organize and promote the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Marathon, to generate positive public exposure to the communities in the AuSable River Valley, and to increase awareness of our unique natural resource, the AuSable River.

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# Grayling's AuSable River Festival

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, July 16

- Grayling Music in the Park • The Wise Guys • 6 p.m. • City Park

### Saturday, July 17

- Spike's Challenge Sprints For C-2 Races 9 a.m. • City Park
- Sponsored by Spike's Keg O' Nails
- Spike's Challenge C-1 Race • 6 p.m. • Borchers' AuSable Canoe Livery

### Sunday, July 18

- Spike's Challenge C-2 Race • 9 a.m. • Ray's Canoe Livery

### Tuesday, July 20

- Children's Day • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Grayling City Park (Ages 5 and under - 6 to 9 and 10 to 12; Obstacle Courses 2 p.m. for older age groups) • Sponsored by Major Contributors
- Ice Cream Social & Dance/King & Queen Inauguration • 5:30 p.m. • Sponsored by Crawford County Commission on Aging

### Wednesday, July 21

- HUP Race (Hurry Up & Paddle or Sink Race) • 6 p.m. • City Park • Sponsored by Grayling Uptown District Association

### Thursday, July 22

- Community Coffee Break • 8-11 a.m. • Citizens Bank • Sponsored by Citizens Bank
- River Festival Book Sale • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Devereaux Memorial Library • Sponsored by Friends of the Library
- Business Relay Races • 5-7 p.m. • Penrod's to Ray's • Sponsored by Camp Grayling Conservation

### Club

- C-1 Express • 7 p.m. • Borchers' to Burton's Landing • Sponsored by Mark Sloan

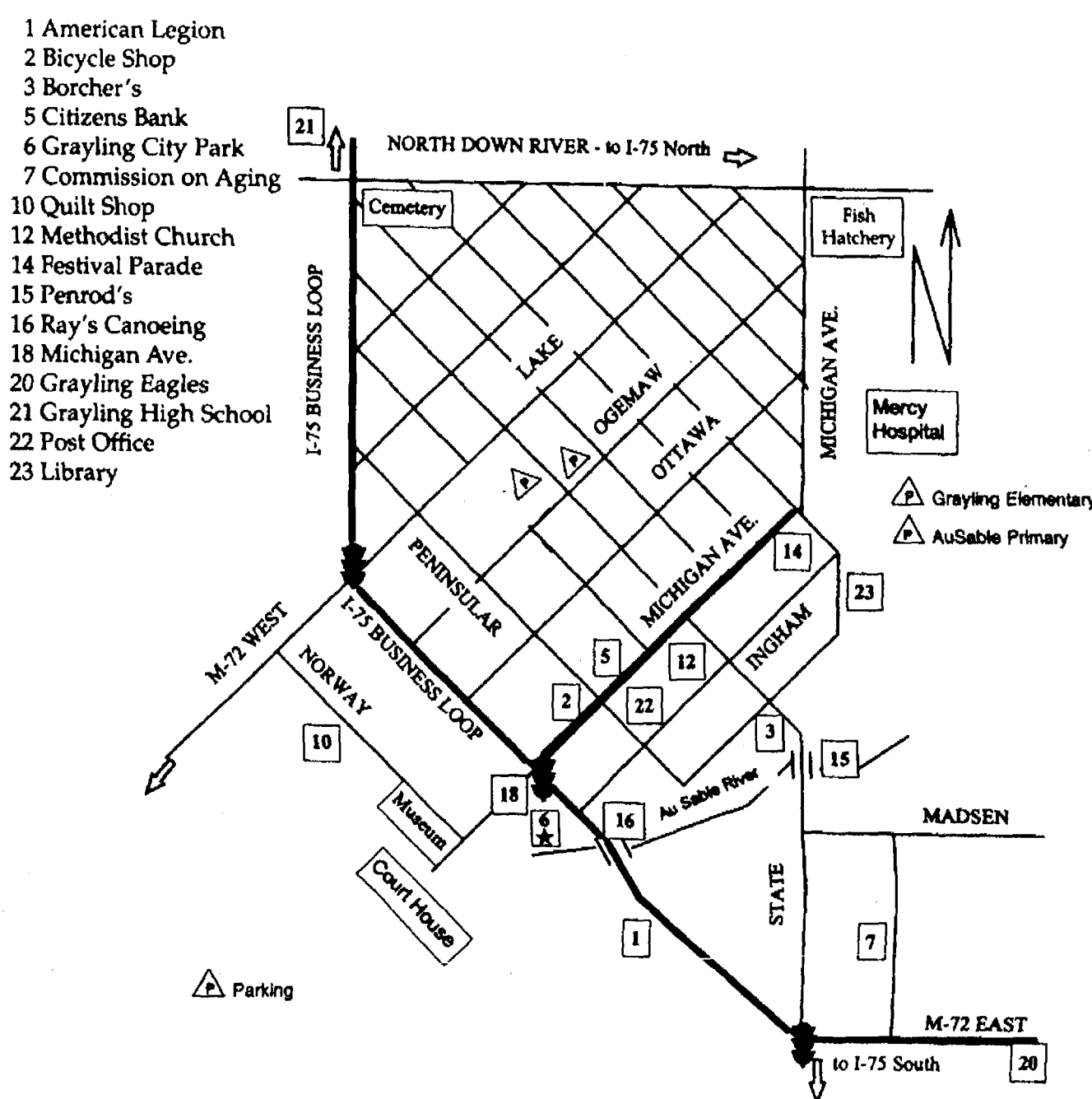
### Friday, July 23

- River Festival Book Sale • 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Devereaux Memorial Library • Sponsored by Friends of the Library
- Quilt Sitters Quilt Show • 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • The IceHouse Quilt Shop
- Youth Canoe Races • 10 a.m. • Borchers' AuSable Canoe Livery (Ages 12-17)
- 29th Annual AuSable River Fine Arts & Craft Show • 10 a.m.-8 p.m. City Park • Sponsored by Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce

### Saturday, July 24

- 25th Annual GRA 10K & 1-Mile Fun Run & Walk • 9 a.m. • Grayling High School • Sponsored by Grayling Visitors Bureau, Weyerhaeuser, Hart Pontiac-GMC-Buick, AuSable Family Dental, Gannon Broadcasting Systems and Milltown Title & Escrow
- Marathon Breakfast • 8 a.m.-1 p.m. • Sponsored by Crawford County Commission on Aging
- Classic Car Show • 9 a.m.-2 p.m. • Michigan Avenue • Sponsored by Scheer Motors, Super 8 Motel, Upper Lakes Tire Distribution of Grayling, Grayling Uptown District Association, Grayling Visitors Bureau and Davis Jewelers
- 29th Annual AuSable River Fine Arts & Craft Show • 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • City Park • Sponsored by Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce

## Map of Grayling

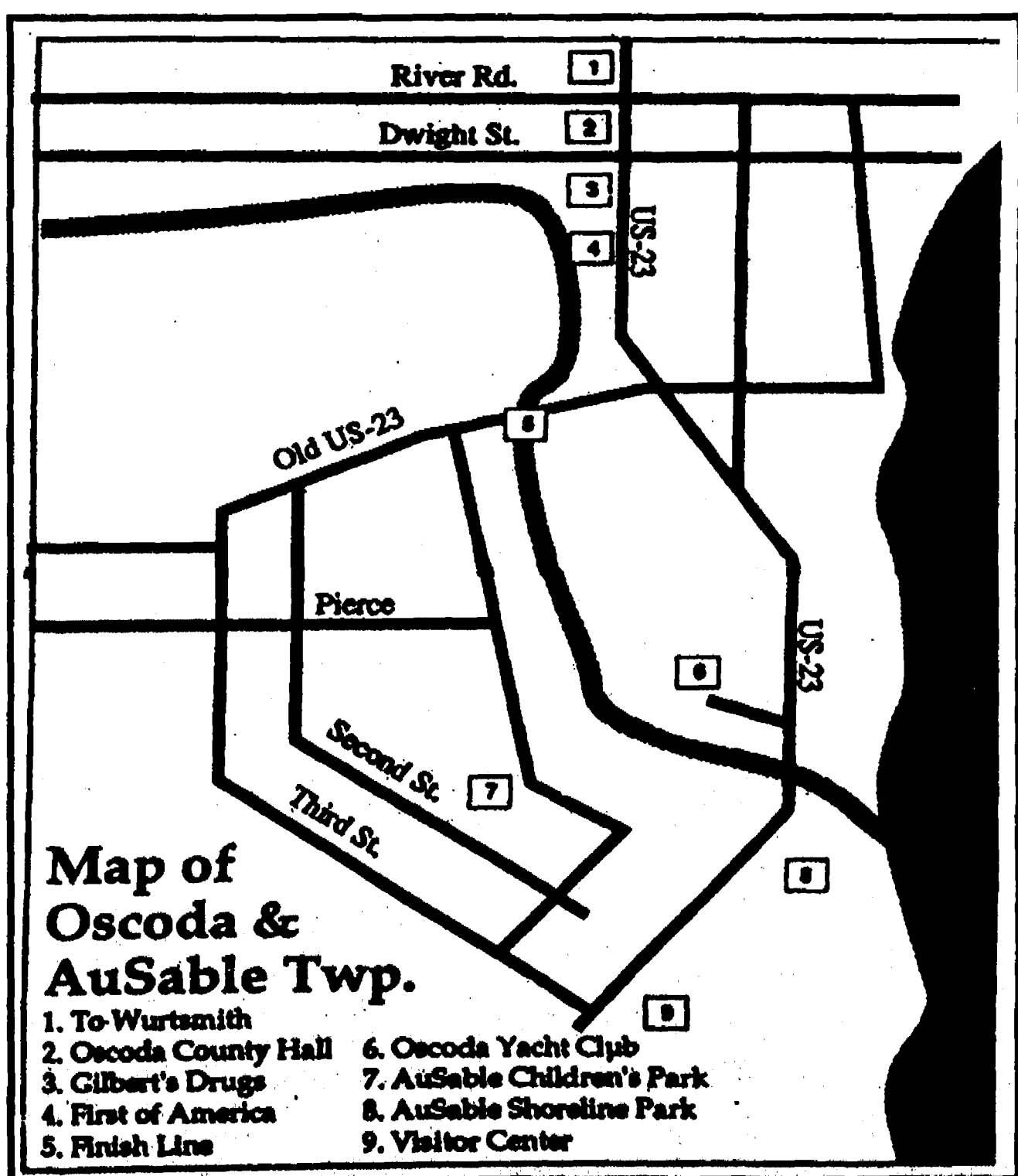


- Food Court • 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Michigan Avenue
- Horseshoe Tournament • 10 a.m. Grayling Eagles #3465 Hall • Sponsored by Grayling Eagles
- Quilt Sitters Quilt Show • 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • The IceHouse Quilt Shop
- Rock Wall • 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Michigan Avenue
- Michelson Memorial Church Ice Cream Social • 12-4 p.m.
- River Festival Book Sale • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Devereaux Memorial Library • Sponsored by Friends of the Library
- 11th Annual Ox & Pork Roast • 12-6 p.m. • Grayling Eagles #3465 Hall
- 9th Annual Rotary Chicken BBQ • 12-6 p.m. • American Legion

- Sponsored by Grayling Rotary Club
- AuSable River Festival Parade • "Disney Goes North" • 3 p.m. • Sponsored by Grayling Parade Committee
- Marathon Mass • 4 p.m. • St. Mary's Church
- Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon • 9 p.m. • LeMans-style start running with canoes from Michigan Avenue to Ray's Canoe Livery

### Sunday, July 25

- Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour start • 8 a.m. • LeMans-style start on Michigan Avenue • Sponsored by Grayling Rotary Club



## Oscoda's Schedule of Events

### July 23-24

- Shoreline Players present *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* • 8 p.m. Friday, July 23; 2 p.m., 8 p.m. Saturday, July 24
- Shoreline Players & Theater • 989-739-5044

### July 24-25

- Gagaguwon "Running Water" Traditional Pow Wow
- 57th Annual Weyerhaeuser AuSable River International Canoe Marathon • Start at 9 p.m. Grayling, finish at 11 a.m. • Oscoda

### July 26

- Paddlers' Breakfast • 9 a.m. • AuSable Inn, Oscoda

### July 26-31

- Iosco County Fair Just off M-65

### August 8

- Laura Frawley In Concert • 4-6 p.m. • Oscoda Beach Park Band Shell

### August 9-15

- 2004 USCA Marathon Canoe & Kayak National Championships Adult & Youth Sprint Championships, Orienteering & Outrigger Championships, Run/Paddle 3x3 Biathlons/Triathlons & Marathons
- www.uscanoe2004.com
- 1-800-235-4625



# Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

## GRAYLING

**THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2004**

**Time Trials for Starting Position**  
5-8 p.m.  
Penrod's AuSable River Resort

**Business Relay Races**  
5-7 p.m.

Penrod's to Ray's  
Sponsored by Camp Grayling  
Conservation Club

**C-1 Express**  
7 p.m.

Borcher's to Burton's Landing  
Sponsored by Mark Sloan,  
American Express Financial Advisor

**FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2004**

**Youth Canoe Races**  
(Ages 12-17)

Borcher's Canoe Livery 10 a.m.

**Time Trials for Starting Position**  
2-5:45 p.m.  
Penrod's AuSable River Resort

**Special Olympics Challenge**  
4:30 p.m.

Penrod's AuSable River Resort  
Marathon Racers paddle a looped  
course with Special Olympians

**Marathon Paddlers' Dinner**  
6:30 p.m.  
Grayling Holiday Inn

**SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2004**

**Marathon Pre-Race Briefing**  
12:00 noon  
Citizens Bank

**AuSable River Festival  
Challenge Canoe Races**  
Ray's Canoe Livery to Burton's Landing  
4:30 p.m. Novice Class (Aluminum  
canoes)

4:45 p.m. Standard Class (Non-racing  
fiberglass or comp)  
Sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms,  
Caledonia, Michigan

**AuSable Festival Canoe Parade**  
6 p.m.  
Ray's to Penrod's  
Entries judged at the Sabin home  
Theme: Olympics Come To Grayling  
Prizes to top 3 entries

**All Remaining Events Held at  
Ray's Canoe Livery:**

- 5:30 p.m. **Pre-Marathon Program**
- 7:00 p.m. **Introduction of Paddlers**
- 7:25 p.m. **Posting of Colors by  
Michigan National Guard**
- 8:15 p.m. **Challenge Race Award  
Ceremony**
- 8:45 p.m. **Marathon Raffle Drawing**
- 9:00 p.m. **START of the 57th  
Weyerhaeuser AuSable  
River Canoe Marathon**

## OSCODA

**SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2004**

**AuSable Marathon Finish Line  
Activities**

10 a.m.  
the Finish Line Park  
& AuSable Inn  
The winning team should arrive  
between 10:50 a.m. & noon

# Sloan to sponsor AuSable C-1 Express

*'Perfect race for support team members'*

The second running of the "AuSable River C-1 Express" will take place on Thursday, July 22, at 7 p.m., beginning at Borcher's Canoeing and finishing at Burton's Landing.

The race - sponsored by Mark Sloan, a local American Express financial advisor - offers a purse of \$660.

"The Express is geared toward local paddlers and people not racing the Marathon for one reason or another," said Sloan, a ARICM volunteer.

"It's an ideal race for support crew members; a lot of whom are

racers anyway," agreed John Cherven, veteran Marathon committee member.

Registration for the C-1 Express runs from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday at Penrod's Canoe Livery during the Marathon time trials or can be done through the mail prior to July 16. The \$15 entry fee should be in the form of a check made out to ARICM.

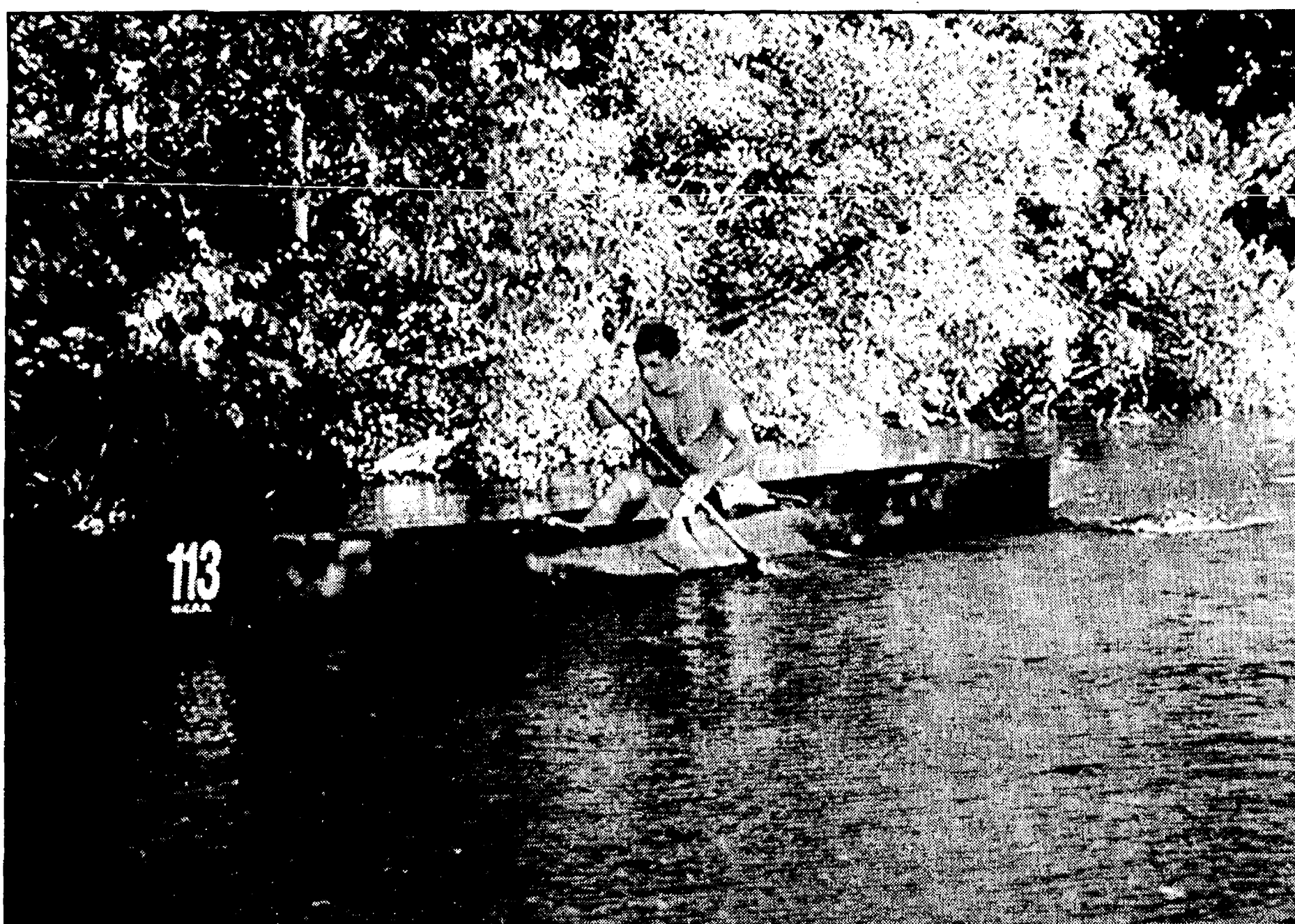
The C-1 racers will pass Penrod's Canoe Livery - site of the Marathon time trials - during one of its breaks.

"Coincidentally, Marathon champs Jeff Kolka and Serge

Corbin will sprint at 7:20 p.m., so C-1 Express spectators can stay and watch them sprint for position," said Sloan.

Awards will be presented at the Marathon Paddlers' Dinner, at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Friday, July 23.

"The C-1 race is very good because it gives feeders and MCRA members, who are town anyway, an opportunity to race," said veteran Marathoner Lynne Witte, who will paddle in her twenty-fifth Marathon on Saturday evening. "It's a wonderful opportunity for them."



**Jacob DuBois, winner of the 2003 C-1 Express, leads the pack at the beginning of the race.**



**Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin maintain a narrow lead over challengers Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie late in the 2003 Marathon.**

**ARICM FAST FACTS**  
The Paddlers' Dinner will be held immediately following the time trials/sprint on Friday, July 23, at the Holiday Inn. The dinner is open to the public with a limited number of tickets available at the door. The dinner includes an introduction of Marathon participants, presentation of Special Olympics awards, business relay race awards, and presentation of C-1 Express awards.



*Bicycles chasing canoes*

# Bikers to race in 4th annual Black Bear

The fourth annual Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour will begin in Grayling on Sunday, July 25, at 8:00 a.m., with hundreds of cyclists in pursuit of the \$1,000 purse — 11 hours after the Marathon racers take off.

The bicycle tour features a 100-mile "century" route that crosses the AuSable River five times and has several class options for competitors.

"The racing canoes average from eight to nine miles per hour, while a fast cyclist can average speeds of 25 miles per hour," said Wayne Koppa, event chairperson and Marathon volunteer.

On Sunday, the fastest bikers are estimated to hit the Mio area at 9:48 a.m., McKinley at 10:14 a.m., Glennie at 10:50 and Oscoda at 12 noon.

Spectators are welcome along the course to greet and cheer on all the riders.

In the Black Bear's first two years, no bicycle racer beat the winning canoeists to Oscoda, but 2003 changed that.

"Mark Walls finished the 100 miles in three hours, 47 minutes and 37 seconds, beating the canoes by less than ten minutes," said Koppa. "Bonnie Karas was the fastest female at three hours, 49 minutes and 40 seconds. They were flying."

Bikers who don't aim to beat the Marathon racers can still enjoy this tour, which includes a LeMans start. While the canoeists must carry their boats four



Competitors run to their bikes for the start of the 2003 Black Bear Bicycle Tour.

blocks from downtown Grayling to the AuSable River, the Black Bear participants will follow the spirit of the Marathon by running one block on Michigan Avenue to their bikes.

"The route also contains some of the most beautiful scenery in the world," said Koppa. "The State Forest in the Mio area has been identified by Bicycling magazine as one of the '50 best areas on the planet to ride.' Forests of towering

pinetrees and the AuSable River cutting through the land make for breathtaking views."

The finish line in Oscoda will stay open until 4 p.m., giving bikers the opportunity to "ride it fast or ride it slow," he said.

The Black Bear is sponsored and run by the Grayling Rotary, which will provide a baggage truck and support vehicles along the route, as well as the \$1,000

in winnings and assorted raffle prizes.

Proceeds from the Black Bear Tour will go toward Rotary charities. In the past, the local Rotary contributed to the construction of the Grayling Bicycle Turnpike and provided free bike helmets to children participating in the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo.

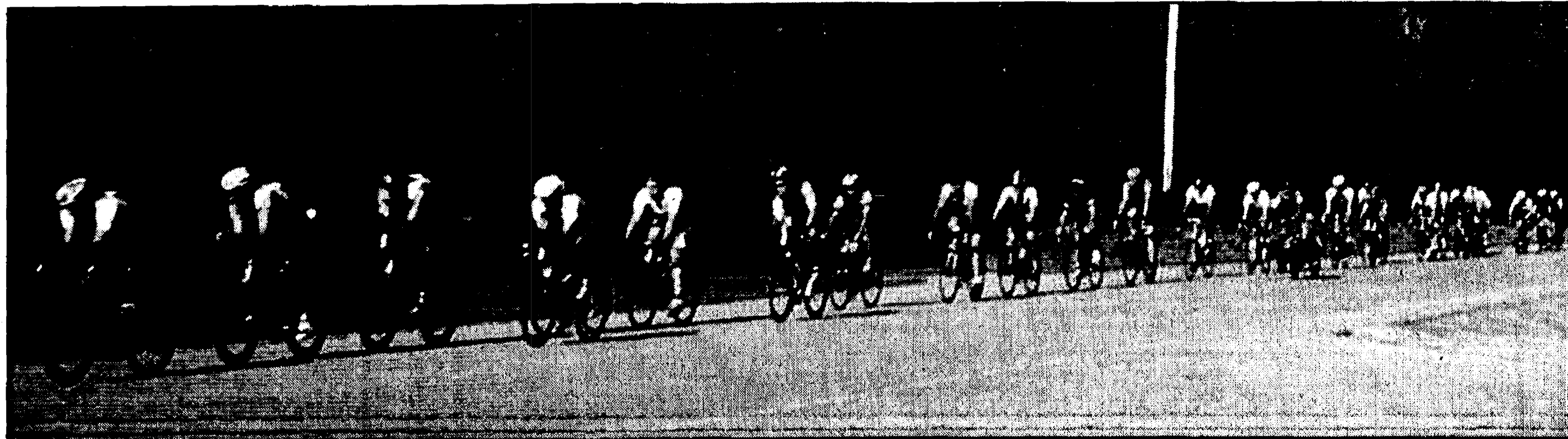
Additional information can be found at <http://www.grayling-area.com/blackbear2004>.

## 2003 Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour Results

Note: Only top 10 finishers in each division are listed.

| Place                | Overall | Race # | Name             | Age | Sex | Time    |
|----------------------|---------|--------|------------------|-----|-----|---------|
| <b>Women 18 - 39</b> |         |        |                  |     |     |         |
| 1                    | 9       | 2      | Bonnie Karas     | 38  | F   | 3:49:40 |
| 2                    | 87      | 31     | Lisa Kruzel      | 38  | F   | 5:00:55 |
| 3                    | 116     | 146    | Dawn Estelle     | 35  | F   | 5:59:00 |
| 4                    | 122     | 58     | Holly Swain      | 21  | F   | 6:10:29 |
| 5                    | 126     | 78     | Martha Molchan   | 28  | F   | 6:19:02 |
| 6                    | 138     | 111    | Maureen Seymour  | 23  | F   | 6:52:53 |
| 7                    | 150     | 137    | Holly Fulsher    | 38  | F   | 7:32:31 |
| 8                    | 153     | 95     | Barb Kunuszewski | 39  | F   | 7:38:02 |
| 9                    | 155     | 168    | Laura Callen     | 37  | F   | 7:40:24 |
| <b>Women 40 - 45</b> |         |        |                  |     |     |         |
| 1                    | 50      | 106    | Carolyn Calcutt  | 41  | F   | 4:25:17 |
| 2                    | 101     | 156    | Mary Kuhn        | 43  | F   | 5:33:16 |
| 3                    | 102     | 36     | Sara Cockrell    | 51  | F   | 5:33:19 |
| 4                    | 108     | 80     | Barb Wade        | 47  | F   | 5:51:27 |
| 5                    | 111     | 19     | Julie Alton      | 42  | F   | 5:54:25 |
| 6                    | 115     | 54     | Doreen Hoffman   | 42  | F   | 5:57:51 |
| 7                    | 133     | 38     | Regina Sehn      | 44  | F   | 6:35:29 |
| 8                    | 143     | 102    | Jeanie Weaver    | 50  | F   | 7:06:59 |
| 9                    | 149     | 138    | Linda Stender    | 42  | F   | 7:32:30 |
| 10                   | 151     | 169    | Virginia Bier    | 47  | F   | 7:35:08 |
| <b>Men 18 - 39</b>   |         |        |                  |     |     |         |
| 1                    | 1       | 86     | Mark Walls       | 21  | M   | 3:47:36 |
| 2                    | 3       | 115    | Pete Bolen       |     | M   | 3:47:55 |
| 3                    | 4       | 49     | Thomas Maxwell   | 39  | M   | 3:49:10 |
| 4                    | 5       | 1      | David Sweeney    | 29  | M   | 3:49:12 |
| 5                    | 7       | 150    | Ron Williams     | 31  | M   | 3:49:36 |
| 6                    | 8       | 71     | David Martorano  | 34  | M   | 3:49:39 |
| 7                    | 10      | 133    | Michael Bliss    | 37  | M   | 3:49:41 |
| 8                    | 12      | 72     | Mark Mordus      | 21  | M   | 3:49:47 |
| 9                    | 15      | 63     | Glenn Goodman    | 36  | M   | 3:50:46 |
| 10                   | 16      | 82     | Derek DiGiovanni | 32  | M   | 3:50:47 |

|                       |     |     |                               |    |   |         |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|----|---|---------|
| <b>Men 40 - 55</b>    |     |     |                               |    |   |         |
| 1                     | 2   | 126 | Norm Licht                    | 45 | M | 3:47:54 |
| 2                     | 13  | 165 | Thomas Hardin                 | 41 | M | 3:49:54 |
| 3                     | 14  | 129 | Lars Welton                   | 49 | M | 3:50:44 |
| 4                     | 18  | 61  | Craig Bowman                  | 51 | M | 3:50:49 |
| 5                     | 21  | 20  | Todd Antrim                   | 40 | M | 3:50:52 |
| 6                     | 23  | 119 | Mike Livingston               | 31 | M | 3:55:56 |
| 7                     | 24  | 25  | Jeff Weber                    | 40 | M | 3:55:57 |
| 8                     | 26  | 130 | Bob McLain                    | 49 | M | 3:57:00 |
| 9                     | 28  | 135 | Jerry Weiss                   | 42 | M | 3:57:02 |
| 10                    | 32  | 134 | Patrick Heron                 | 40 | M | 4:04:04 |
| <b>Men 56+</b>        |     |     |                               |    |   |         |
| 1                     | 6   | 148 | Bob Cairns                    | 64 | M | 3:49:13 |
| 2                     | 19  | 12  | Jim Datsko                    | 56 | M | 3:50:50 |
| 3                     | 41  | 79  | TJ Hill                       | 70 | M | 4:17:07 |
| 4                     | 47  | 88  | Vaughn Goodenow               | 58 | M | 4:23:02 |
| 5                     | 54  | 103 | Gary Tarsha                   | 56 | M | 4:32:10 |
| 6                     | 62  | 6   | Lenny Gloss                   | 56 | M | 4:37:57 |
| 7                     | 72  | 7   | Paul Grondin                  | 57 | M | 4:46:04 |
| 8                     | 84  | 51  | Michael Sheean                | 66 | M | 5:00:52 |
| 9                     | 96  | 167 | Ken Geyers                    | 58 | M | 5:21:35 |
| 10                    | 130 | 56  | Stan Mischley                 | 59 | M | 6:26:15 |
| <b>McKinley Class</b> |     |     |                               |    |   |         |
| 1                     | 97  | 118 | Carolyn Sweeney               |    | F | 5:22:25 |
| 2                     | 98  | 117 | David Sweeney                 | 59 | M | 5:22:28 |
| 3                     | 109 | 29  | Jerry LaMotte                 | 68 | M | 5:53:01 |
| 4                     | 142 | 22  | Gerry King                    | 53 | M | 7:02:05 |
| <b>Youth</b>          |     |     |                               |    |   |         |
| 1                     | 46  | 67  | Mike Anderson                 | 14 | M | 4:23:00 |
| 2                     | 127 | 52  | Jaysen Hollingsworth          | 15 | M | 6:23:05 |
| <b>Tandem</b>         |     |     |                               |    |   |         |
| 1                     | 11  | 124 | Patrick Aimone, Anne Phillips |    |   | 3:49:46 |
| 2                     | 128 | 14  | Ivan & Rich Robbins           |    |   | 6:23:07 |
| 3                     | 131 | 116 | Richard & Annette Buonocord   |    |   | 6:35:14 |



2003 Black Bear Bicycle Tour



# Opening ceremony to highlight Michigan musician/magician

Mark Walnowski, a musician/magician, will present a mix of music and magic when he opens the pre-Marathon ceremonies on the banks of the AuSable at Ray's Canoe Livery at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 24.

Walnowski, a native of Canton and owner of Premier Auto Auction in Westland, has entertained throughout the state at charitable events, including the 2003 Marathon's opening ceremony.

Following his performance at Ray's, Walnowski will move downstream to Borchers' Bed & Breakfast, owned by Mark and Cheri Hunter, to offer a second show for spectators watching the start of the race from the Borchers' Canoeing

and Carlisle Canoe Livery areas.

"Mark has helped out the community of Roscommon with some fundraising in the past at its Fourth of July celebration, and we are grateful to have him offer his talent to our opening program," said Wayne Koppa, veteran ARICM volun-

teer.

"Fans were really happy with his performance last year, and anyone not coming early to the start of the running of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon will be missing out on some of Michigan's best live entertainment."



Mark Walnowski

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# USCA nationals set for Oscoda in mid-August

The national canoe & kayak championships return to the AuSable River for the first time since the early 1970's since Oscoda was chosen by the United States Canoe Association to host the 2004 championships, scheduled for August 9-15.

Paddlers ages five and up from all over the United States will descend upon the small town, located at the mouth of the famed AuSable, to compete for national championship titles in over 100 race classifications.

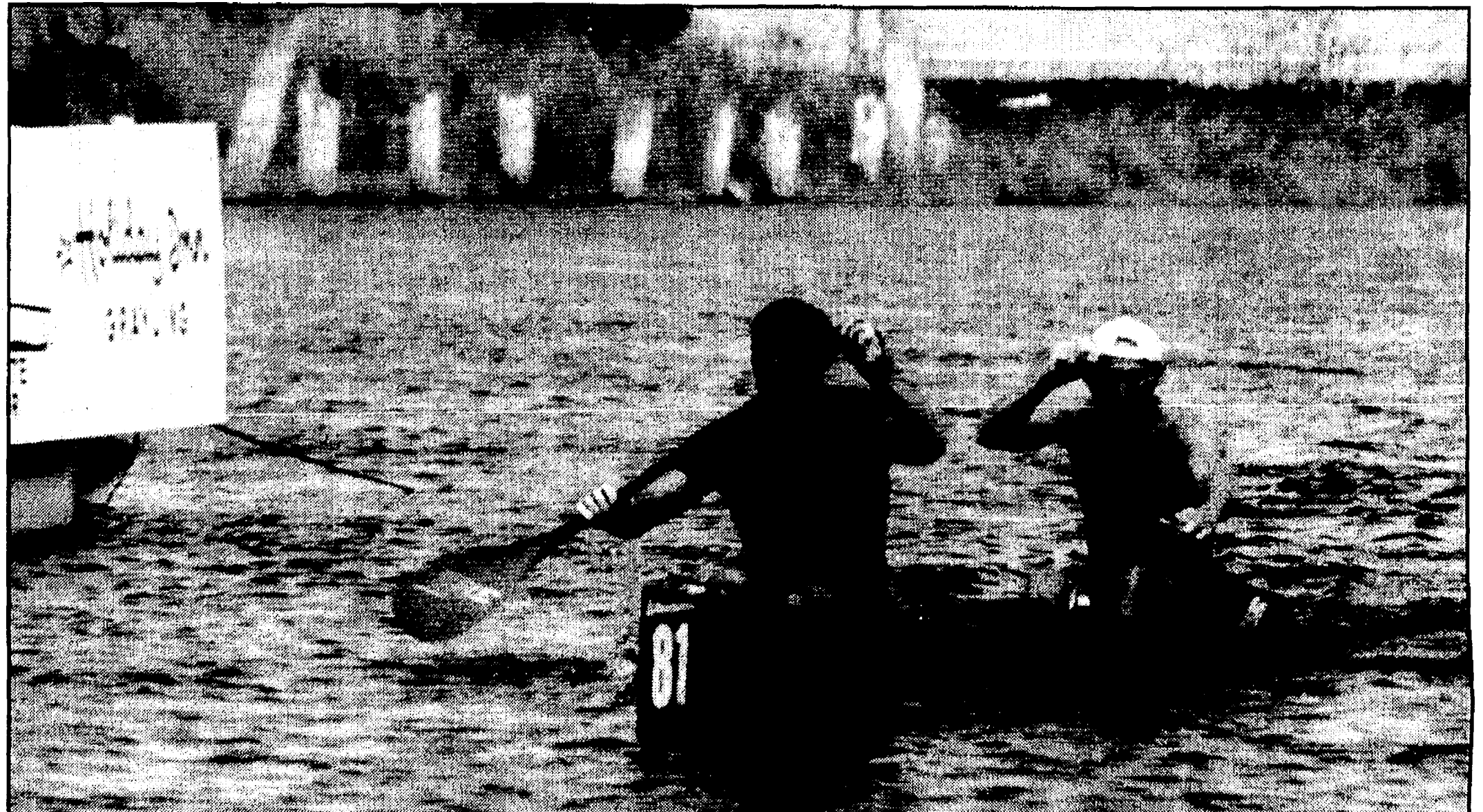
The AuSable River International Canoe Marathon committee will work in conjunction with the Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Canoe Racing Association to stage the massive event. The husband-wife team of Tom and Chris Rudolph of Oscoda are chairing the event. Both Rudolfs are also ARICM volunteers from the Oscoda end of the Marathon.

The national championships will be headquartered at the Warrior Pavilion at Van Ettan Lake Park, where the adult and youth sprint championships will be held. The marathon championships will be held on the AuSable River, on the field-tested course used by the Curley Memorial Race in July. An orienteering competition will also be held on the AuSable.

In addition to canoe and kayak competitions, outrigger canoe races – held on Van Ettan Lake, the AuSable River and Lake Huron – will be added to the 2004 event. Sprints for the outrigger events will be held on Van Ettan Lake and Lake Huron.

The organizers will also offer an opportunity for the general public to participate in some demonstration races in the 45-foot, six-person outrigger canoes.

The purpose in bringing the USCA national championships to the area, said Chris Rudolph, "is to attract a large number of people from all over the United States to visit our community and view it



**Tony Short and Denis Berthiaume close in on the finish line near Oscoda during the 2003 AuSable Marathon.**

as a viable vacation/retirement destination for their future plans, as well as to encourage interest and participation in recreational and competitive paddling in our local area."

"We propose to showcase what we believe is the best of what we have to offer," she said. "We are in a unique position being able to offer beautiful locations on an inland lake, a famous canoe racing/paddling river and one of the Great Lakes."

In addition to the competitions, "many activities are being planned for the enjoyment of participants and spectators alike," said Rudolph.

Among the activities during nationals week, Habitat for Humanity will serve authentic northern Michigan pasties on Thursday evening; Oscoda F.I.S.H., Inc. will hold a pasta dinner on Friday; and the Oscoda Rotary Club will host a luau

celebration on Saturday.

Pleasure cruises along the AuSable will be offered, as well as an evening riverboat ride on the AuSable River Queen; the Iosco Audubon Society will conduct "birding by canoe" tours; and Oscoda Canoe Rental will sponsor a river clean-up on Monday, August 16.

"We believe that our area is perfect for the participation in and promotion of the quiet sports – paddling, bicycling, horseback riding, camping," said Rudolph. "We have miles of trails, a scenic byway and a fabled paddling river to offer."

If this year's event goes well, the nationals may again return to Oscoda.

"The rumor is that the USCA is looking for five different U.S. locations to rotate the event through in future years," said Wayne Koppa, a volunteer for both ARICM and the nationals. "We're hoping they're pleased with Oscoda."

The committee invites interested people to volunteer for the national championships.

"Chris and Tom Rudolph are doing an outstanding job at putting this huge event together," said Koppa, "and they welcome anyone interested in volunteering their time for four hours or more."

Anyone interested in competing and/or volunteering for the championships can call the Rudolfs at 989-739-2946 or e-mail them at cricket2@chartermi.net.

The USCA was formed in 1968 to encourage the growth of paddling as a recognized competitive sport and beneficial recreational activity. Its mission is to actively support a five-part program promoting competition, cruising, conservation, camping and camaraderie.

For additional information on the USCA and the nationals, check the website at: [www.uscanoe2004.com](http://www.uscanoe2004.com)

## Grayling Rotary

**Thank you for sponsoring the mixed team bonus!**

### An ARICM Fast Fact

Two father-son teams are competing: Canoe #94 (Frank Smutek & Bill Smutek of Luzerne) and Canoe #62 (Tom Trudgeon and Ray Trudgeon of Grayling). (Tom's daughter, Mandy Trudgeon, is paddling in Canoe #34.)

### An ARICM Fast Fact

One grandfather-grandson team is competing: Canoe #90 (Robert Bradford & David Phelps of Lapeer).

## Be a race sponsor

Support the AuSable River Canoe Marathon as a race sponsor. Contact the Marathon Committee at [aricm@i2k.net](mailto:aricm@i2k.net), by calling 989-348-4425 or by stopping by the race office in the Grayling Mini-Mall to see how your business can become an AuSable Canoe Marathon race sponsor.

### An ARICM Fast Fact

Three brother-brother teams are competing: Canoe #87 (Rodney Halstead and Ryan Halstead of Grayling), Canoe #93 (Alfred Borchers & Brian Borchers of Grayling) and Canoe #08 (Devin Arenz and Brett Arenz of St. Paul, Minnesota). (Their uncle, Ed Arenz, also from Minnesota, is in Canoe #97.)

### An ARICM Fast Fact

One father-daughter team is competing: Canoe #05 (Jeff & Theresa Jarish of Whittemore). Theresa, 15, is also the youngest paddler in the Marathon.

### An ARICM Fast Fact

One uncle-nephew team is competing: Canoe #07 (Nick Bauer of Spokane, Washington & Chad Bauer of Seattle, Washington).



# Shagbark Farms to sponsor 2nd annual challenge races

Volunteers for Grayling's AuSable River Festival and Canoe Marathon events aren't limited to Crawford County residents or even to people from northern Michigan. Thanks to Dr. Dick Crissman, a Grand Rapids-area physician and owner of Shagbark Angus Farms of Caledonia, the AuSable River Challenge Races will be held for a second year in a row.

Dr. Crissman has been a visitor to Grayling since the 1950s. In 1993, he entered his first challenge race with son Jim, and since 1994 he raced with his daughter Jane every year in the "Dick and Jane boat." But in 2002, he and other family members arrived in Grayling ready to compete, only to find that the event had been eliminated when its sponsor dropped out.

Initially disappointed, Dr. Crissman decided to resurrect the races himself. He worked with Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and ARICM volunteer, to not only sponsor but run the challenge races himself with the help of family members.

His sponsorship, officially "the Shagbark Angus Farms," incorporates the name of his farm near Caledonia – "Shagbark" because it is situated next to a stand of Shagbark hickory trees and "Angus" because it is home to well over 100 head of Aberdeen Angus cattle along with other animals.

The challenge races, designed for amateurs, are scheduled for Saturday, July 24, at 4:30 p.m. Two-person teams will race from Ray's Canoe Livery to Burton's



**Paddlers in the novice division of the AuSable River Challenge Race break from the starting line in 2003.**

Landing, an eight-mile downstream trip estimated to take the fastest paddlers about 60 minutes.

Standard class participants use non-racing fiberglass or composition canoes, and those racing in the novice class can use any type of aluminum pleasure canoes.

Canoes can be rented for the competition from Ray's Canoe Livery for \$5,

which includes transportation back to Ray's from Burton's Landing.

The entry fee is \$10 with ten percent donated to the Special Olympics.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each class, and the first 40 participants to enter the challenge races or the canoe parade – also sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms – will receive free t-shirts.

The novice category participants take off at 4:30 p.m., followed by the standard class racers at 4:45 p.m.

Entry forms will be available at the Marathon time trials/sprints (at Penrod's Canoe Livery), at the Marathon race office in the Grayling Mini Mall (ARICM, P.O. Box 911, Grayling, MI, 49738, 989-348-4425) or at streamside before the race at 4 p.m.

## GRA to sponsor annual 10K race, fun run/walk

Grayling Recreational Authority's annual 10K Race & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, July 24, at 9 a.m. as part of the AuSable River Festival.

The 6.2-mile running event begins and ends at Grayling High School's Ferguson Football Field and follows the Wayne C. Koppa Pathway into Grayling.

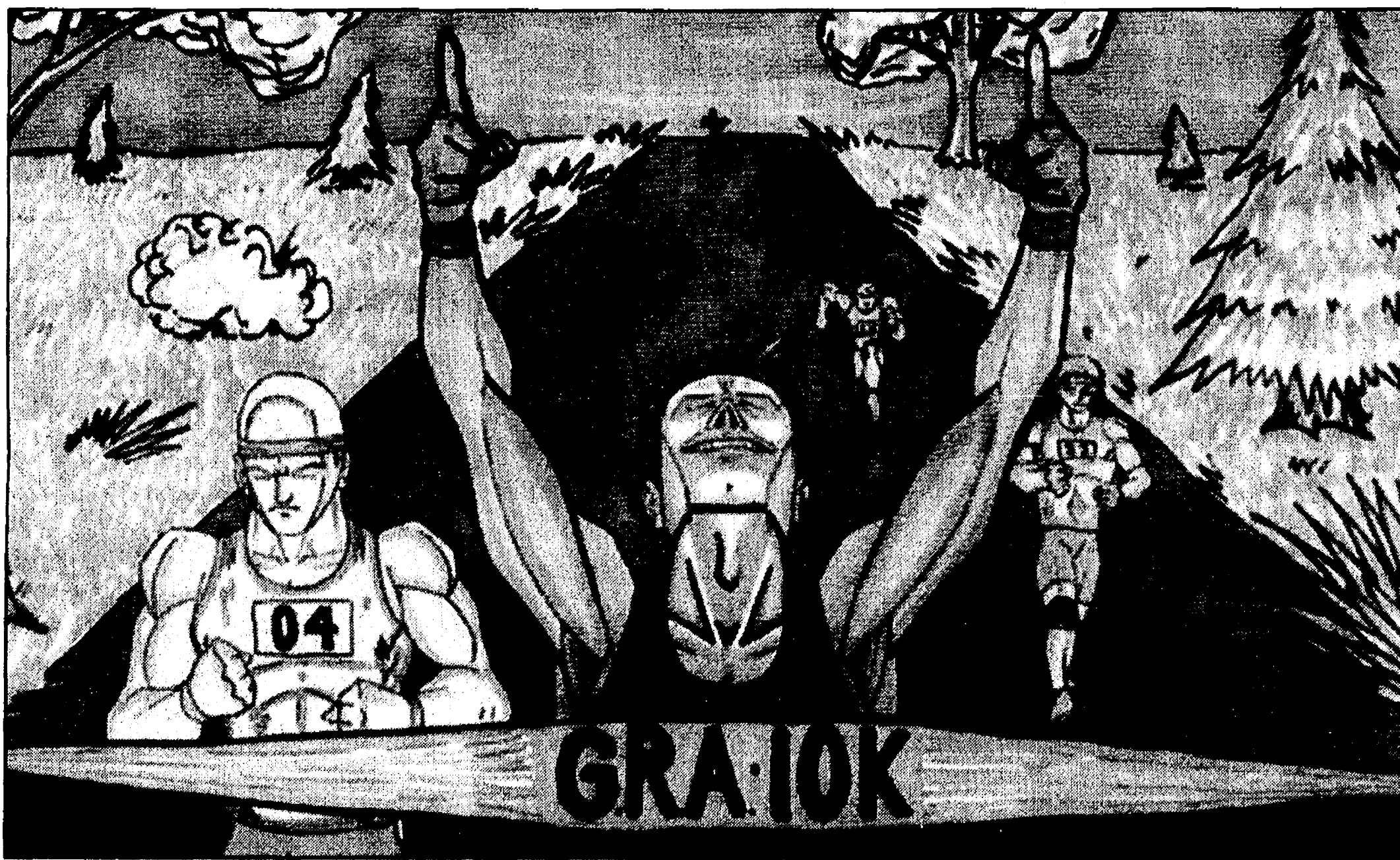
Registration begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday, with free custom t-shirts given to all participants. The 10K and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk follow at 9 a.m.

In the 10K race only, awards will go to the top three finishers in each age group, and trophies will go to the overall male and female finishers. No awards will be presented for the fun run/walk.

The entry fee for 10K racers is \$20, while the fun run/walk is free to all participants.

The GRA event is sponsored by the Grayling Visitors Bureau, Hart Pontiac-GMC-Buick, Weyerhaeuser, AuSable Family Dental, Gannon Broadcasting, Milltown Title & Escrow, The Bicycle Shop and the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

For more information, visit [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org).



**All participants in GRA's 2004 10K race and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk will receive a free custom t-shirt, with the design pictured above, by Justin Davis.**

**ARICM FAST FACTS**

**An ARICM Fast Fact**

Three husband-wife teams are competing: Canoe #48 (John Lucey & Cheryl Lucey of Grayling), Canoe #17 (Frank Taber & Linda Taber of Leland) and Canoe #28 (Allen Lumberg & Barb Brachley of Wausau, Wisconsin).

**ARICM FAST FACTS**

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One brother-sister team is competing: Canoe #10 (Ted Smutek & Lenore & Amy Solak of Traverse City). Their father, Frank Smutek, and brother, Ed Smutek, are in Canoe #23.

**ARICM FAST FACTS**

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Paddlers from 14 states and provinces are entered. Three paddlers are here from Belize, including Alex Leiby, who paddled in the 100 Marathon.

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As of July 8, 2 women's teams were entered: Canoe #24 (Lizzy Kraman of Massachusetts & Karen Lewis of New Hampshire) and Canoe #25 (Lynne White of Michigan & Stephanie Larsen of Wisconsin).



# 2nd annual canoe parade to run after challenge races

## Theme is 'Olympics Come to Grayling'

The second annual AuSable Festival Canoe Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, at 6 p.m., following the running of the AuSable River Challenge Races.

With "The Olympics Come to Grayling" as its theme, the parade will feature decorated water crafts cruising a short distance from Ray's to Penrod's canoe liveries. The canoes will be judged on the AuSable River in front of the David and Sherry Sabin residence, and prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 will go to the top three teams.

"This event is strictly for fun," said John Cherven, long-time ARICM volunteer, who paddled in the parade in 2003 with daughter Lexi, now nine years old. "It has the potential to be a lot of fun. We'd like to get more people to participate."

"Last year was fun thinking of ideas for the canoe, like doing the music for it," said Lexi, who decorated her canoe with metallic blue fringe and red, white and blue spinners and flags. "I plan to do something with gymnastics this year because I'm in gymnastics."

To encourage participation, no entry fee will be charged and t-shirts will be given to the first 40 entrants in the parade or the challenge races, both sponsored by Dr. Dick Crissman and Shagbark Angus Farms of Caledonia, near Grand Rapids.

"The Crissmans are a family that loves the Marathon," said Cherven.

Canoes can be rented for the parade from Ray's Canoe Livery for \$1, which includes transportation for the crafts and contestants back to Ray's by employees of the two liveries.

Dr. Crissman and the ARICM committee encourage entrants to be creative and imaginative in decorating their canoes



**AuSable Festival Canoe Parade in 2003.**

and themselves for the Olympics theme. Music, as well as decorations, can be used. If needed, team members may wade alongside to steady the canoes.

"We hope the parade will be bigger and better than and just as popular as the Greek Olympics," joked Dr. Crissman.

Registration forms are available at the ARICM office in the Grayling Mini Mall, by mail (ARICM, P.O. Box 911, Grayling, MI, 49738) or by telephone (989-348-4425), at the time trials/sprints (at Penrod's Canoe Livery) or at stream-side before the parade.

## Volunteers make the Marathon happen

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"Very few people understand or appreciate the dedication and work that go into it," Weiler told us in 1997. "I have people ask me all the time, 'When are you going to start working on the race?' They don't realize that, as soon as this year's race is over, we start on the next one. It's a year-round effort."

"We'll have our first meeting for the 2005 race 30 days from now," said Wayne Koppa, another long-time and dedicated volunteer. "We have to meet year-round. I already have an entry form marked up with changes for next year's race. I'll bet if you counted it up, there's over 300 volunteers who make this race work, and this is a well-run event."

Another ARICM volunteer, John Cherven, told us his roots go back to the first Marathon, when four of his uncles competed. Cherven said that 22 years ago he was sitting next to Southard at "a boring meeting for a different event, and Steve invited me to attend a Marathon meeting. I've been on the committee ever since."

Officially the ARICM treasurer and committee member in charge of entries and time trials, Cherven also has amassed a vast array of information, photos and memorabilia, including copies of a 1950 *Ford Times* and a 1973 *Sports Illustrated* he bought on ebay, both containing Marathon articles.

"I'm amazed at the amount of time that John puts into this," said Pam Williams, a perennial volunteer whose assignments have ranged from timing at the sprints and the race itself to selling t-shirts and from staffing the Marathon office to assisting with the Spectator Guide. "My perception is that everything comes through John, from registration to accounting. And he has to do it all while running his own business. Since his C.P.A. office is across the hall from the race office, he's a problem solver, the 'run-to' guy."

"John actually holds everything together," said Marcia Koppa.

"I just enjoy all the people I have met, and I'm happy that so many families are involved as paddlers and as volunteers," said Cherven.

Said Wayne Koppa, "The more you understand about the Marathon, the more

amazed you are by the number of volunteers that step forward in so many diverse capacities to make the thing possible."

Sue Small, from Detroit, is one example. Small has spent her vacations in Grayling for a handful of years to sell t-shirts, work in the office, answer the phone and staff the office on race night.

"Whatever we ask her to do, she's more than glad to do it," said Cheryl Lucey, another hardworking ARICM committee member. "She's one of those people you love to have around."

Wayne Koppa also mentioned the timers – "people who sit out on the river bank all night at 15 timing points – and their counterparts from the radio club who call the information back to the race office where Ken Wright puts it on the Internet within a few minutes. It's just amazing when you see the radio club and so many others doing so many things. All those people make the Marathon possible."

Dedicated volunteers Ed and Marge Martella said they became interested in the Marathon two decades ago because they lived on the AuSable and because their three sons competed in several races in the '80's.

Both Martellas have served as race chairs; Marge continues to serve as secretary and organizer of the Paddlers' Dinner; and for years, Ed put together the timers' notebooks and did their briefings, said Wakeley. "Plus, if it wasn't for Ed organizing the light towers and getting them moved from bridge to bridge and taking care of safety and security, we wouldn't have those."

"They've done it all, and they keep doing it all," he added.

For the 2004 race, Ed Martella has turned over chairmanship of the timing committee to Todd and Cindy Pfaff, also experienced timers.

The husband-wife combo of Jerry and Marian LaMotte have been ARICM volunteers for many years, said Cherven. "Marian used to coordinate the merchandise sales at the downtown store locations, and Jerry handles the registration of the paddlers. So he is often the first contact they have with the race. He sits in the check-in room for eight hours a day – often by himself – just to be available for this important task. They both play

important roles."

Oscoda's Debbie Gary Graham, who comes from a racing family, has served on the ARICM committee for years. Other Gary family members who have volunteered include brothers Matt and Dan, mom Mary Ann, sister Melissa and niece Katie.

Bob Kennedy and Chris Lovelace, who have been fans of the race since they were youngsters, have volunteered at the Oscoda end for about a decade. Chris Rudolph, Oscoda ARICM secretary-treasurer, said the two work together from Alcona Dam downstream, "weed-whacking the portages; opening gates for dam access; erecting and removing crowd control barriers; coordinating with Consumers Energy, local law enforcement and fire departments; cleaning up trash; and erecting and removing 'no wake' signs at Cooke Pond, Old Orchard Park and Footsite Beach Park."

"They are instrumental in all the coordination downriver at all the dams except Mio," said John Lucey, Grayling volunteer. "They take care of five out of six dams."

"Bob is their silent person at that end," said Cheryl Lucey, who paddles the Marathon with husband John, and who also had praise for the husband-wife team of Tom and Chris Rudolph.

"For the past three or four years, they have done a phenomenal job in Oscoda," she said. "They brought new ideas to the committee, which took off."

"They're snowballing," added Marcia Koppa. "They're ahead of us on program book ads. They have lots of energy and excitement."

Linda Barnes, another volunteer, will coordinate the 2004 Mio Dam team, which is responsible for logistics, including set-up, light towers, fencing, security and safety.

Jim Humes at Penrod's Canoe Livery is another volunteer. "He can't run his business normally during the sprints," said Marcia Koppa.

John Schultz, from i2k, helps with the Marathon at the race office and with the ham radios, said Cheryl Lucey.

Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Crystal Filley, personal banker at Citizens Bank, are co-chairing the '04

Marathon.

"Five years ago, Tim started selling t-shirts with me and just started getting more and more involved," said Weiler. "You could say he 'caught the bug' and did more with the committee. He has done a good job letting us do our own thing, but making sure the job gets done."

"Crystal just quietly does her thing and doesn't want a big fuss made about her," said Marcia Koppa. "She's dependable in big letters."

"It takes both communities to make a Marathon," said Marcia Koppa. "We have very dedicated people who meet monthly, so there are a lot of man hours – anything from data input to selling merchandise, to putting up and taking down signs, to timing to the radio club to delivering program books. It's a great team effort. You get to know the people and feel like family, like you're at the vortex of something at this time of year."

Nevertheless, both the Grayling and Oscoda ARICM committees always need and welcome new volunteers.

"We need to get other people involved," said Wakeley. "Sometimes our committee members wear so many different hats, it gets difficult, and we always need new people."

"We always need help from people who are dependable, responsible and engaged in the process," added Marcia Koppa.

When Jon and I asked the long-time paddlers what made them compete in Marathon after Marathon, several told us, "It gets in your blood." Seemingly, the same could be said for the Marathon's volunteers, most of whom have stayed with the race year after year.

It just got into their blood.

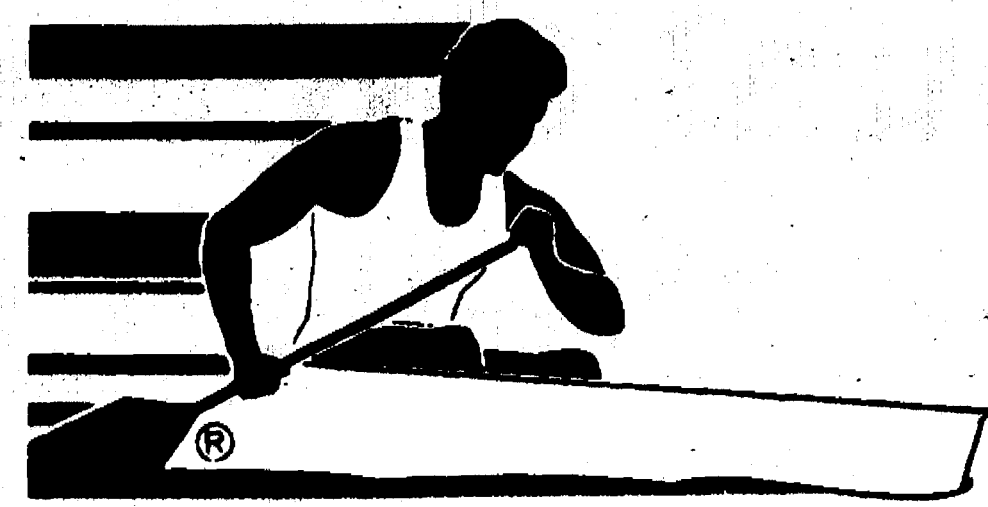
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Volunteers are still needed for the 2004 Marathon in areas such as merchandise and raffle ticket sales and, of course, for all aspects of the '05 race. To volunteer for merchandise sales, call Andy Moore at 348-5459 and to volunteer for raffle ticket sales, call Marcia Koppa at 348-2933.

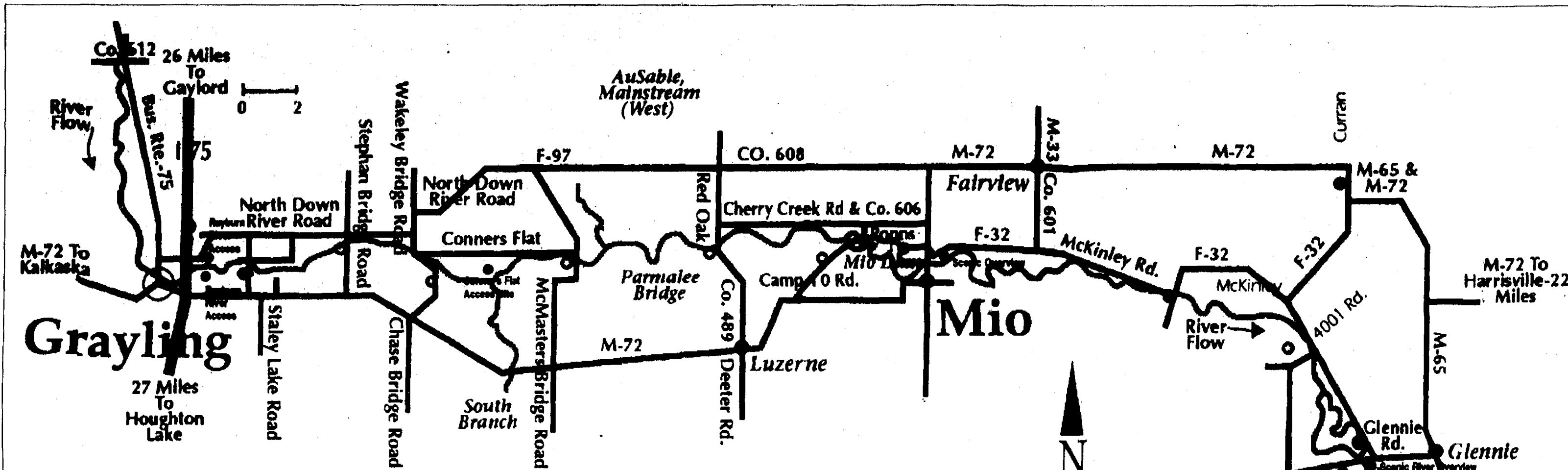
To volunteer for the 2005 Marathon, contact Tim Zigila, co-chairperson, at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.



# Course Map



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## Important Spectator Information

**Crawford County** – Stephan, Wakeley and McMasters Bridges will be closed to all vehicle traffic during the race. Feeder teams must take care to be on the side of the river where their feeds are because they will not be able to cross.

**Oscoda County** – Parmalee Bridge will be closed to spectators but passable for vehicles. No portable lighting will be available. The bridge and road, although under construction, will be open. If you are viewing the race from here, there are good sites along the campground on the north side or at the public access site on the south.

**Mio Dam** – Spectators are not allowed on the spillway. There is a walkway from the MDOT parking area, south of M-72, under the bridge to the dam. You will not have to walk across the highway to get to the dam. Spectators must stay clear of the pathway and the put-in area as the teams portage Mio Dam.

**4001 Bridge** – The U.S. Forest Service may issue tickets for parking in the lot at the boat launch site without the valid parking pass.

**Alcona Dam** – Only feeders and officials will be allowed into the dam parking lot. Spectators should park in the field on the north side of the river and walk across the bridge to the portage.

**Loud Dam** – There will only be parking for spectators on one side of the road leading into the dam to make it safer for people who are walking to view the portage. Only feeders and officials will be allowed into the dam parking lot.

**Five Channels** – Pedestrians and vehicles will not be permitted on the new bridge, but spectators are allowed on the old bridge. Spectators must stay clear of all construction equipment. Parking in the dam parking lot is for feeders only. Spectators can park in a large field at the top of the hill on the south side of the river.

**Whirlpool near Oscoda** – Everyone must park in the parking lot – not at the boat launch area. The U.S. Forest Service will issue tickets at this area.

## PARKING ALERT

Vehicles parked at any U.S. Forest Service river access site **MUST HAVE A PARKING PASS**. The access sites along the race course include the 4001 Bridge Landing, Thompson's Landing, Sawmill Point and Whirlpool Boat Landing. Passes are available for \$3 (daily), \$5 (weekly) or \$20 (annual) at the following locations:  
**Grayling** – Ray's Canoe Livery (7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.) (not available on race night) and Larry & Joan's Place.  
**Luzerne** – Luzerne Mini Mart.  
**Mio** – Gott's Landing (8 a.m.-6 p.m.)  
**McKinley** – McKinley Grocery.  
**Glennie** – Alcona Canoes.  
**Glennie Party Store**.  
**Oscoda** – The Dam Store. Passes are also available at the Mio Ranger Station, the Huron Shores Ranger Station and Lumberman's Monument in Oscoda during normal hours of operation.



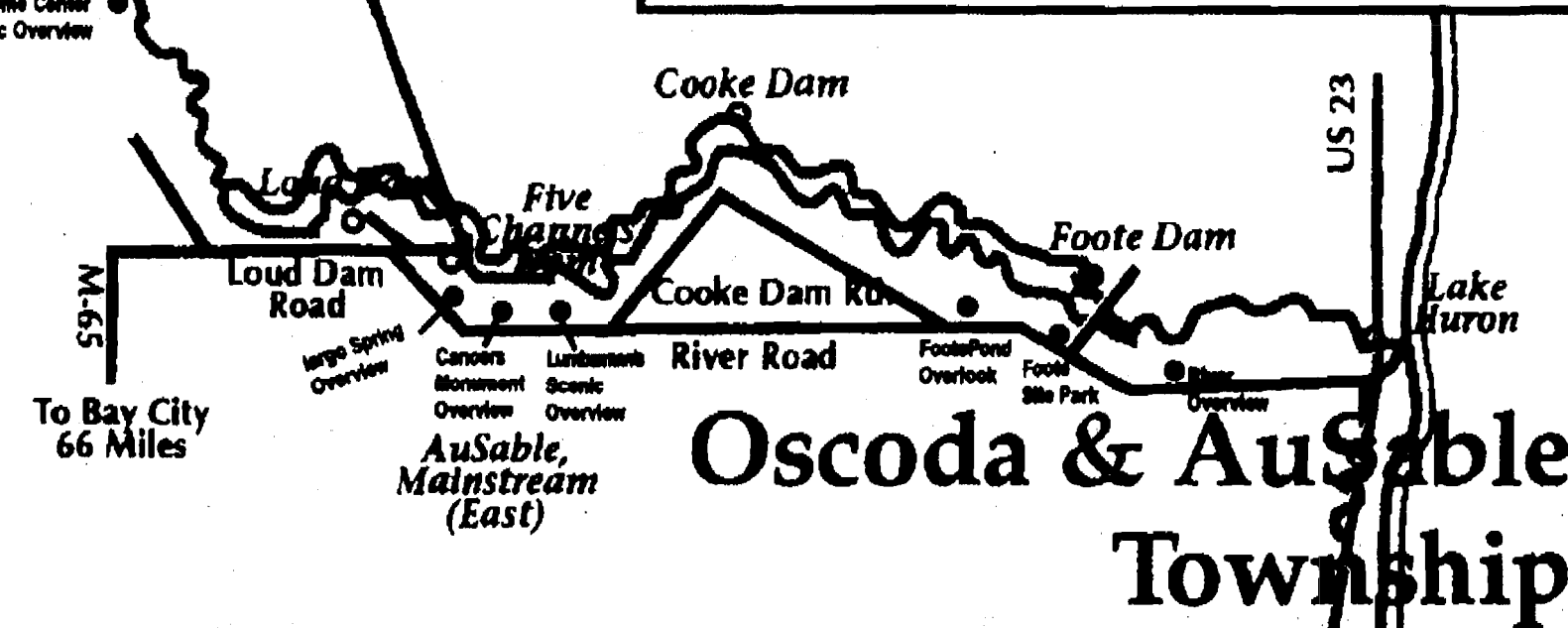
Marathon paddlers pile into the AuSable River at Ray's.

**The AuSable River Canoe Marathon is occurring on USDA Forest Service land (the Huron-Manistee National Forest) under a special use permit.**

## OFFICIAL TIMING & VIEWING LOCATIONS

|                   | LEADERS' APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL TIME* | APPROXIMATE TIME LAST CANOE WILL PASS EACH TIMING LOCATION |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Burton's Landing  | 9:40 pm                            | 10:10 pm                                                   |
| Stephan Bridge    | 10:15 pm                           | 11:00 pm                                                   |
| Wakeley Bridge    | 10:40 pm                           | 11:45 pm                                                   |
| McMasters Bridge  | 11:45 pm                           | 1:00 am                                                    |
| Parmalee Bridge   | 12:40 am                           | 2:35 am                                                    |
| Camp Ten Bridge   | 1:45 am                            | 3:30 am                                                    |
| Mio Dam           | 2:05 am                            | 4:00 am                                                    |
| McKinley Bridge   | 3:50 am                            | 6:25 am                                                    |
| 4001 Bridge       | 4:40 am                            | 7:30 am                                                    |
| Alcona Dam        | 5:20 am                            | 8:15 am                                                    |
| Loud Dam          | 7:05 am                            | 10:40 am                                                   |
| Five Channels Dam | 7:30 am                            | 11:15 am                                                   |
| Cooke Dam         | 8:30 am                            | 12:30 pm                                                   |
| Footo Dam         | 9:40 am                            | 2:15 pm                                                    |
| Oscoda (finish)   | 11:00 am                           | 4:00 pm                                                    |

\*based on record split times



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- Washcloth & soap
- Toothpaste & brush
- Pre-moistened towelettes
- Litter bag
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- Alarm clock
- Flashlight & batteries
- Cell phone
- Battery-powered radio
- Rain gear
- Cap or hat with visor
- Extra cool weather and warm weather clothes
- Cooler with snacks, water & other non-alcoholic drinks
- Thermos of hot coffee or cocoa

## Point-to-Point Records

|                   |         |      |                                   |
|-------------------|---------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Burton's Landing  | 41.28   | 1993 | Jeff Kolka & Bill Torongo         |
| Stephan Bridge    | 31.28   | 1993 | Jeff Kolka & Bill Torongo         |
| Wakeley Bridge    | 28.21   | 1993 | Tony Short & Scott McKenzie       |
| McMasters Bridge  | 55.44   | 1999 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin         |
| Parmalee Bridge   | 1:01.43 | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin         |
| Camp Ten Bridge   | 1:02.55 | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin         |
| Mio Dam           | 22.05   | 1975 | Jeff Kellogg & Jerry Kellogg      |
| McKinley Bridge   | 1:43.42 | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin         |
| 4001 Bridge       | 49.11   | 1984 | Butch Stockton & Solomon Carriere |
| Alcona Dam        | 35.37   | 1984 | Butch Stockton & Solomon Carriere |
| Loud Dam          | 1:43.10 | 1987 | Serge Corbin & Brett Stockton     |
| Five Channels Dam | 23.37   | 1994 | Serge Corbin & Solomon Carriere   |
|                   | 23.37   | 1995 | Patrick Lynch & Jim Harwood       |
| Cooke Dam         | 57.17   | 1986 | Randy Drake & Eric McNett         |
| Footo Dam         | 1:08.11 | 1987 | Serge Corbin & Brett Stockton     |
| Oscoda (finish)   | 1:15.32 | 1991 | Serge Corbin & Brett Stockton     |

## Split Time Records

|                   |          |      |                                 |
|-------------------|----------|------|---------------------------------|
| Burton's Landing  | 41.28    | 1993 | Jeff Kolka & Bill Torongo       |
| Stephan Bridge    | 1:12.56  | 1993 | Jeff Kolka & Bill Torongo       |
| Wakeley Bridge    | 1:41.29  | 1993 | Jeff Kolka & Bill Torongo       |
| McMasters Bridge  | 2:38.17  | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| Parmalee Bridge   | 3:40.00  | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| Camp Ten Bridge   | 4:42.55  | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| Mio Dam           | 5:06.31  | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| McKinley Bridge   | 6:50.13  | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| 4001 Bridge       | 7:40.49  | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| Alcona Dam        | 8:17.21  | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| Loud Dam          | 10:06.47 | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| Five Channels Dam | 10:30.37 | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| Cooke Dam         | 11:31.07 | 1996 | Jeff Kolka & Serge Corbin       |
| Footo Dam         | 12:41.02 | 1994 | Serge Corbin & Solomon Carriere |
| Oscoda (finish)   | 13:58.08 | 1994 | Serge Corbin & Solomon Carriere |

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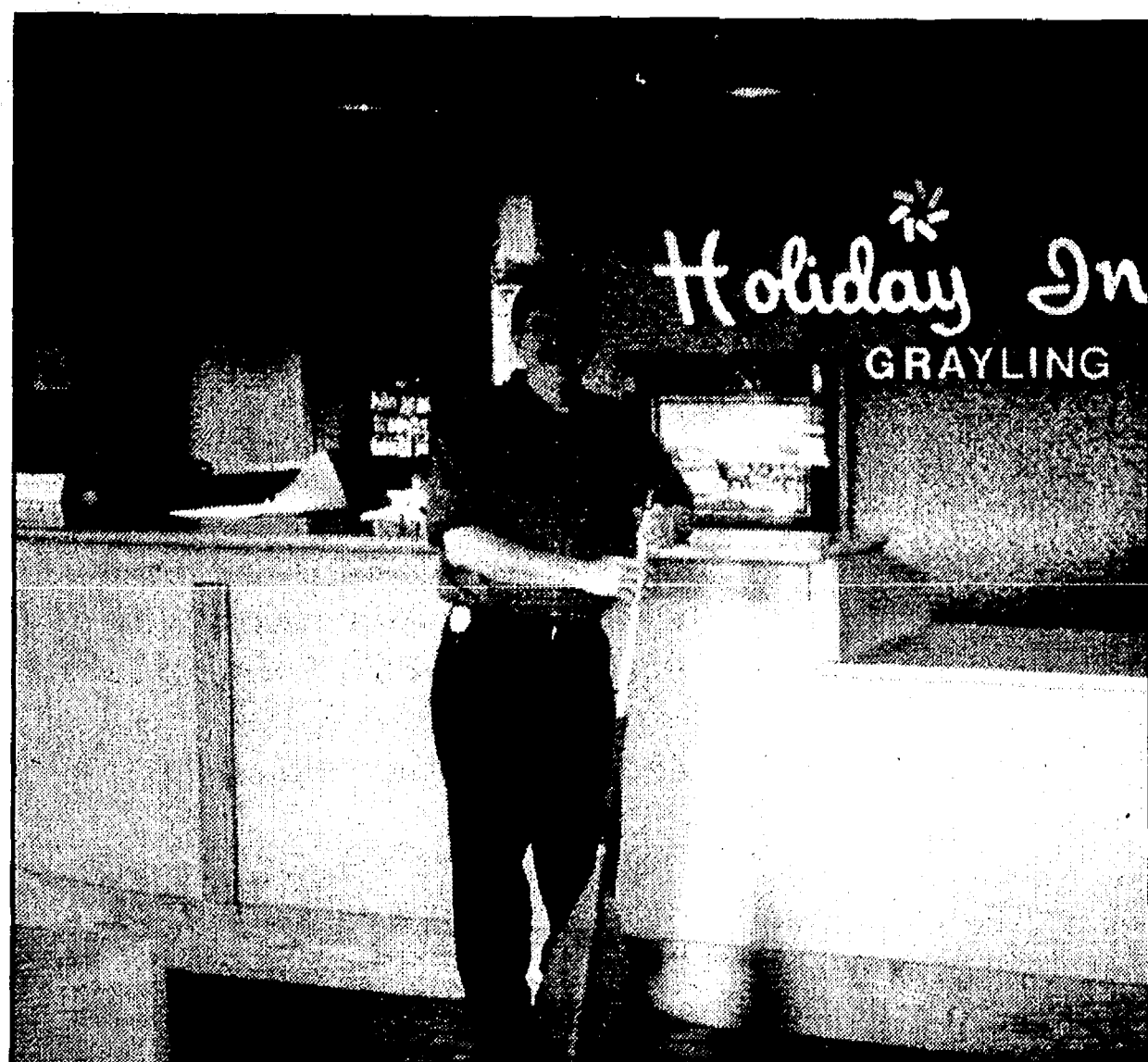
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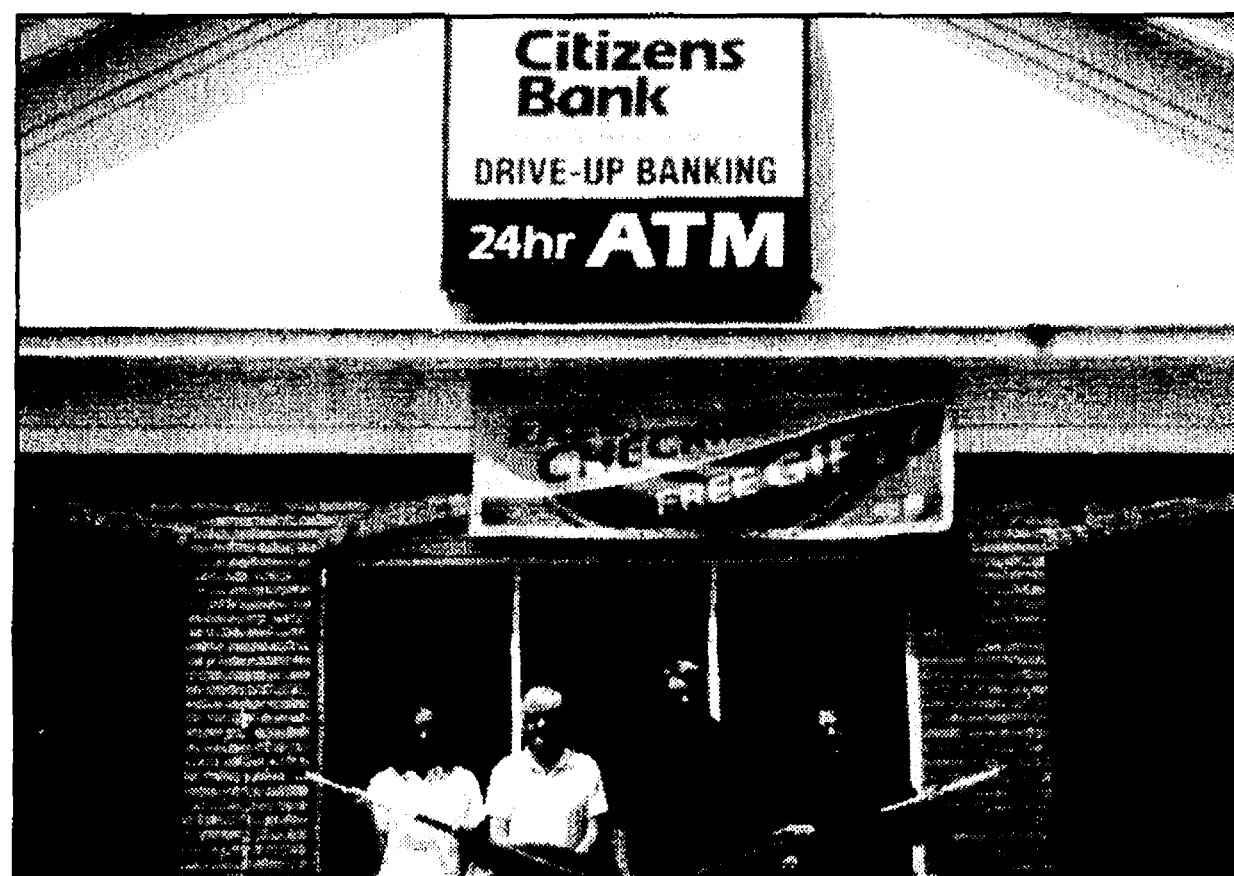
*Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Laura Figley, Kim Porter, Mary Varty, Johanna Jurkovich. (Not pictured: Wanda Jackson, Sally Noeske)*

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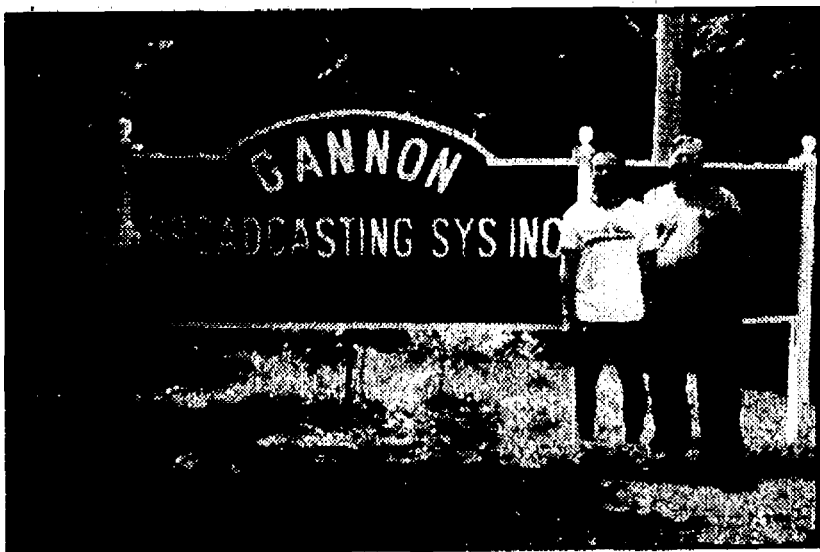
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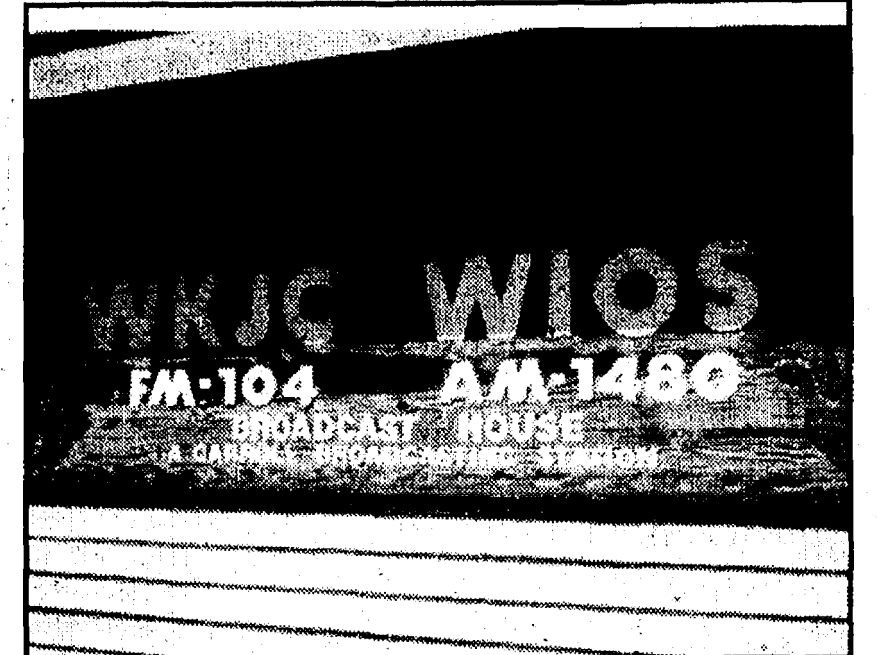


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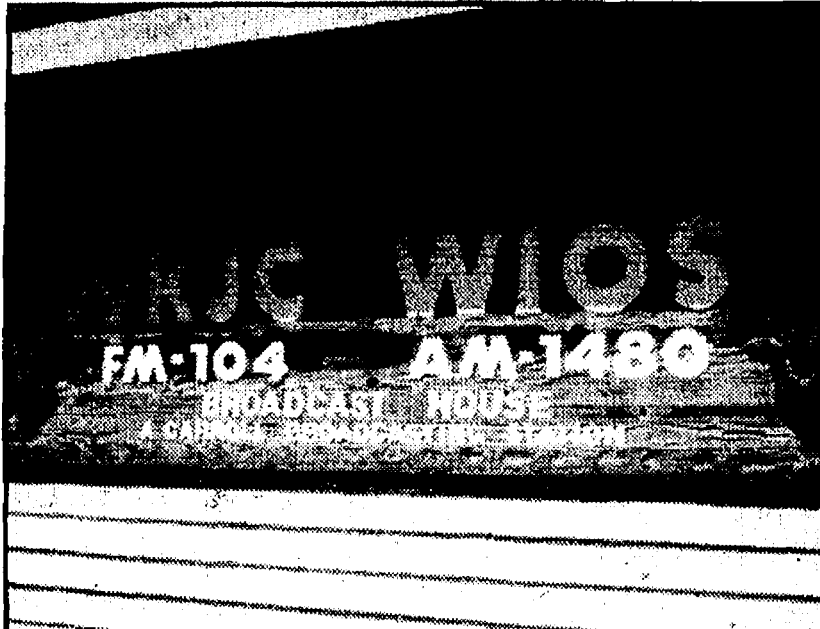


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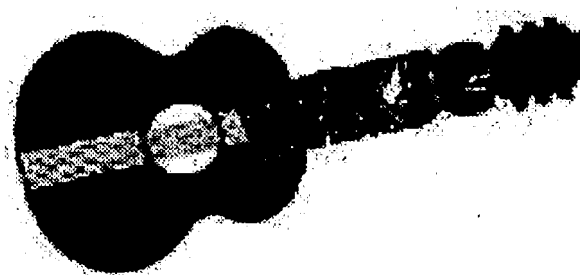


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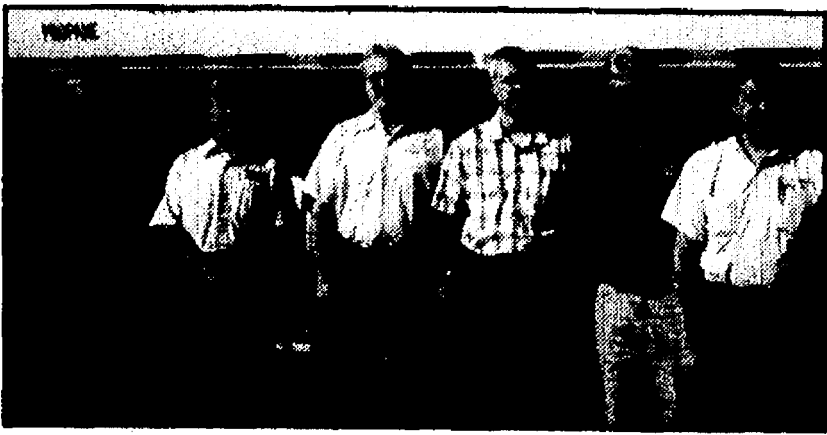
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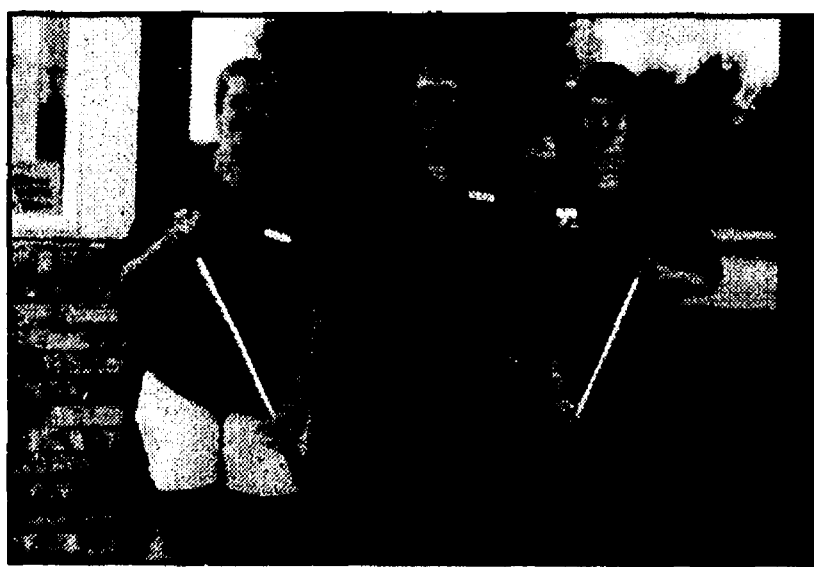


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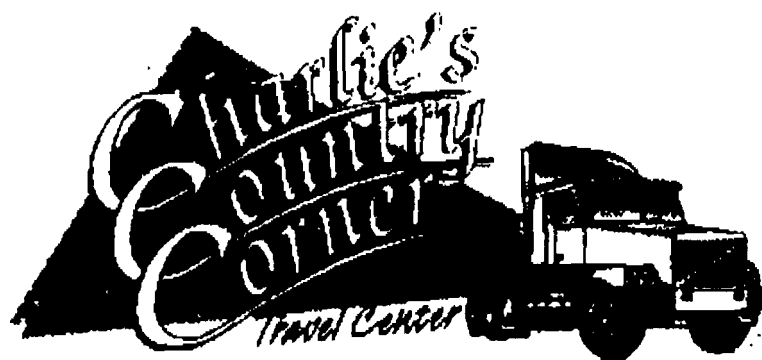
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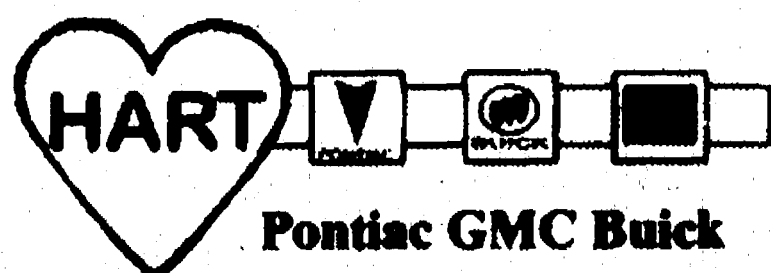
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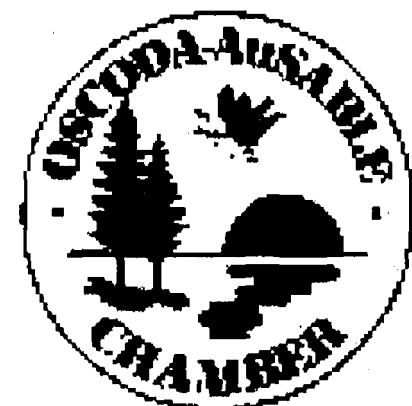


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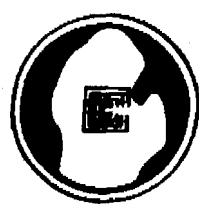


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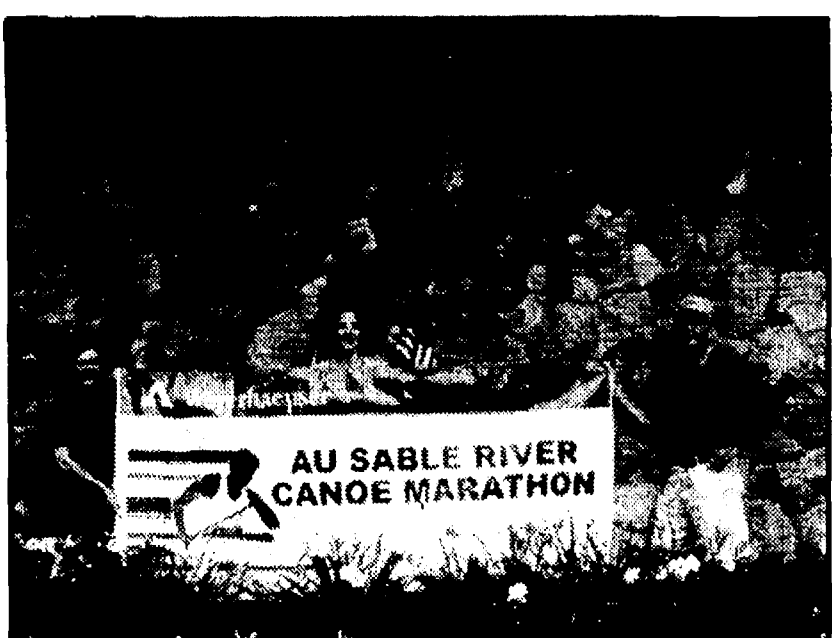


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# 2004 Marathon Paddler Profiles

## CANOE #00

Sponsors: The Fly Factory,  
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**Competitor** Robert Bradford **Age** 61  
**City** Lapeer  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Retired  
**# Marathons** 13  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 6th

**Attraction to Marathon** I started watching the race when the kids were young. My son wanted to try it.  
**Racing Achievements** Three entire-length Mississippi River trips; hold seniors' AuSable Marathon record; 1st, Yukon Quest.

**Competitor** David Phelps **Age** 17  
**City** Lapeer  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Student  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 37th

**Attraction to Marathon** My grandpa always raced, and I wanted to try it.  
**Racing Achievements** Finished the 2004 General Clinton and the 2002 Marathon.

## CANOE #01

Sponsor: Cascarelli's Pizza of Homer

**Competitor** Andrew Triebold **Age** 28  
**City** Spring Arbor  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Hog Farmer  
**# Marathons** 3  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 2nd

**Attraction to Marathon** I was attracted to the Triple Crown of races.  
**Racing Achievements** 2nd, 2004 General Clinton; 2nd, 2002 & 2003 La Classique; 2003 USCA men's C-2 national championship.

**Competitor** Steve Lajoie **Age** 28  
**City** Mirabel  
**State/Province** Quebec  
**Occupation** Electronic Technician  
**# Marathons** 5  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 2nd

**Attraction to Marathon** The distance and the competition.  
**Racing Achievements** 2nd, General Clinton; La Classique 11 times (best was 2nd).

## CANOE #02

Sponsor: Charlie's Country Corner

**Competitor** Jim Harwood **Age** 39  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Custodian, CASD  
**# Marathons** 18  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 1st

**Attraction to Marathon** It's a family tradition; I've been racing since I was 15.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st in 1995; 2nd in 1996; top 5 for the past 8-10 years.

**Competitor** Denis Berthiaume **Age** 39  
**City** Pre'vost  
**State/Province** Quebec  
**Occupation** Sales Representative  
**# Marathons** N/A  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 2nd

**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** Shawinigan's La Classique; New York's General Clinton.

## CANOE #03

Sponsors: Sawmill Tavern,  
Big Gator Paint

**Competitor** Mo Harwood **Age** 25  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Carpenter  
**# Marathons** 8  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 2nd

**Attraction to Marathon** My family.  
**Racing Achievements** 9 national championships; 3 Marathons; 2 amateur state championships.

**Competitor** Matthew Rimer **Age** 20  
**City** Horton  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Student  
**# Marathons** 5  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 2nd

**Attraction to Marathon** The prestige of being in "The Marathon."  
**Racing Achievements** Numerous national 1st place finishes and 17th in 2000 General Clinton.

## CANOE #05

Sponsor: Jeff's Cabinets & Lumber

**Competitor** Jeff Janish **Age** 41  
**City** Whittemore  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Cabinet Maker, Beef Farmer  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A

**Attraction to Marathon** It is a very unique and challenging race.  
**Racing Achievements**

**Competitor** Theresa Janish **Age** 15  
**City** Whittemore  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Student  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A

**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge of possibly becoming the youngest female to complete the race.  
**Racing Achievements**

## CANOE #06

Sponsors: Fay's Motel-Grayling, Lake Express-Muskegon-Milwaukee Ferry

**Competitor** Alan DuBois **Age** 70  
**City** Cottage Grove  
**State/Province** Minnesota  
**Occupation** Retired Refinery Worker  
**# Marathons** 7  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 8th

**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge and to see if I could finish.  
**Racing Achievements** 13th in La Classique; 15th, General Clinton.

**Competitor** Gareth Stevens **Age** 52  
**City** Hubertus  
**State/Province** Wisconsin  
**Occupation** Editor of Canoe News  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** N/A

**Attraction to Marathon** The fashionable clothing.  
**Racing Achievements** La Classique and General Clinton.

## CANOE #07

Sponsors: Pointe North Motel of Grayling,  
Heritage House Realty PC of Glennie

**Competitor** Brad Bauer **Age** 30  
**City** Seattle  
**State/Province** Washington  
**Occupation** Teacher  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 14th

**Attraction to Marathon** The distance and the river.  
**Racing Achievements** 3rd at 1985 nationals; 2nd in 1991 adult/youth nationals.

**Competitor** Nicholas Bauer **Age** 44  
**City** Spokane  
**State/Province** Washington  
**Occupation** Assembler  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 6th

**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge, the unique experience, and I love the fans!  
**Racing Achievements** 2nd and 3rd places in General Clinton; 1993 C-2 national champ.

## CANOE #08

Sponsor:

**Competitor** Nick D'Amour **Age** 20  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation**  
**# Marathons** 4  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 12

**Attraction to Marathon** Living by the AuSable and watching the Marathon year after year.  
**Racing Achievements** 2000 amateur state champion.

**Competitor** Dave Jensen **Age** 40  
**City** San Jose  
**State/Province** California  
**Occupation** Engineer at Phillips Plastic  
**# Marathons** 6  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 6th

**Attraction to Marathon** The long distance.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st mixed team, 1999 General Clinton.

## CANOE #09

Sponsors: Ray's Canoeing & The Fly Factory, Wojahn's Carpet & Furniture

**Competitor** Al Widing Sr. **Age** 79  
**City** Mio  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Retired  
**# Marathons** 34  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 2nd 3 times

**Attraction to Marathon** An article in the Flint Journal in 1953.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st in 540-mile Texas Water Safari in 1964 & '65; 2nd in Marathon 5 times; 2nd in 140-mile British Columbia race twice; 1st in 75-mile Rifle River Race 5 times.

**Competitor** Jerry Killingbeck **Age** 35  
**City** East Tawas  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Machinist  
**# Marathons** 3  
**Most Recent** 2000  
**Best Finish** 28

**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 9th and 10th in General Clinton.

## CANOE #10

Sponsors: The Trophy Trolley,  
EZ Built Homes

**Competitor** Ted Smutek **Age** 36  
**City** Luzerne  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Owner, Big Creek Bump & Paint  
**# Marathons** 5  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 12th

**Attraction to Marathon** My father raced in the '50s, and I wanted to finish the Marathon with him.  
**Racing Achievements** General Clinton; La Classique.

**Competitor** Amy Solak **Age** 39  
**City** Traverse City  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Executive Secretary, MI FIA  
**# Marathons** 4  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 18th

**Attraction to Marathon** My father paddled, and we grew up watching the race. I wanted to finish the Marathon with my dad.  
**Racing Achievements** Completed Triple Crown twice; completed General Clinton 3 times; first father-daughter team to complete the Marathon in 2000.

## CANOE #11

Sponsors: Thumb National Bank,  
C&L Sports

**Competitor** Rick Joy **Age** 45  
**City** Silverwood  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** GM Foundry Worker  
**# Marathons** 28  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 3rd

**Attraction to Marathon** The long-distance challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 20 top ten finishes; 10 sub-15 hour races; 5th fastest time (14:10:25).

**Competitor** Louis Berthiaume **Age** 45  
**City** Berthierville  
**State/Province** Quebec  
**Occupation** Janitor, Shawinigan College  
**# Marathons** 6  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 2nd

**Attraction to Marathon** Triple Crown racing.  
**Racing Achievements** 3rd in 2004 General Clinton.

## CANOE #12

Sponsors: Hale Insurance,  
Scotfield Real Estate

**Competitor** Chad Brandt **Age** 30  
**City** Hale  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Youth Pastor  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** DNF

**Attraction to Marathon** The history of the race; the history and tradition from my dad.  
**Racing Achievements** Making it to Cooke last year - our first attempt at the Marathon.

**Competitor** Mike Thomsen **Age** 36  
**City** Hale  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Excavating  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** DNF

**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements**

## CANOE #14

Sponsors: Weyerhaeuser,  
Dean/Aubry, Optometrists-Grayling

**Competitor** Bill Torongo **Age** 42  
**City** Roscommon  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Process Technician, Weyerhaeuser  
**# Marathons** 20  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 2nd

**Attraction to Marathon** The competition.  
**Racing Achievements** Paddled in 48 of the past 48 Triple Crown races.

**Competitor** Clark Kent **Age** 44  
**City** Lapeer  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** C.P.A.  
**# Marathons** 13  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 5

**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge of paddling from Grayling to Oscoda; the night paddling.  
**Racing Achievements** 5th in 2003 General Clinton.

## CANOE #16

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**Competitor** Jeff Kolka **Age** 45  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Custodian, Crawford AuSable Schools  
**# Marathons** 21  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 1st

**Attraction to Marathon** My father; the Marathon is a great challenge. The greatest fans are canoe racing fans.  
**Racing Achievements** Finished 2nd 4 times; paddled second fastest Marathon with Serge Corbin in 1996; paddled 7 Marathons under 15 hours; 1st in '96, '97, '98, '99, 2000, 01, 02, 03.

**Competitor** Serge Corbin **Age** 47  
**City** St. Boniface  
**State/Province** Quebec  
**Occupation** Canoe Builder  
**# Marathons** 18  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 1st

**Attraction to Marathon** The beauty of the AuSable River. This is a good challenge, and there is a good purse.  
**Racing Achievements** All-time record holder with Solomon Carriere in 1994 (13:58:08); 12-time Marathon winner; 22-time General Clinton winner; 21-time La Classique winner; 7-time Triple Crown champion.



## CANOE #17

**Competitor** Linda Taber **Age** 51  
**City** Lowell  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Retired Business Owner  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** I like to canoe and wondered if I could do it.  
**Racing Achievements** 2003 Marathon.

**Sponsors:** WXMI Fox 17,  
 Lucky & Laura's Liquor & Lotto

**Competitor** Frank Taber **Age** 54  
**City** Lowell  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Broadcast Engineer  
**# Marathons** 15  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 24th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 17 years in the MCRA.

## CANOE #18

**Competitor** Bruce Byrnes **Age** 52  
**City** Lapeer  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Business Owner/Engineer  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 30  
**Attraction to Marathon** The night paddling and the length.  
**Racing Achievements** 3rd in seniors at 2003 C-1 nationals.

**Sponsors:** Oscoda Home Center,  
 Oscoda Floral

**Competitor** Russ Reker **Age** 40  
**City** Lapeer  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Manufacturing Engineer  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 30  
**Attraction to Marathon** It's the only night of the year that I get to stay out all night.  
**Racing Achievements** General Clinton.

## CANOE #19

**Competitor** Debbie Perry **Age** 46  
**City** Traverse City  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Accountant  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 35th  
**Attraction to Marathon** A chance to compete with the best.  
**Racing Achievements** General Clinton 3 times; Marathon 1 time.

**Sponsors:** MI Truck Assessories,  
 Northern Tails/Harbor Arthritis

**Competitor** Joe Seifert **Age** 52  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Electrician  
**# Marathons** 9  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 9  
**Attraction to Marathon** Living on the AuSable.  
**Racing Achievements** 9 Triple Crowns.

## CANOE #20

**Competitor** David Teddy **Age** 30  
**City** Littleton  
**State/Province** Colorado  
**Occupation** 8th Grade Science Teacher  
**# Marathons** 7  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 10th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge and the uniqueness of the sport.  
**Racing Achievements** 10th in 2001 Marathon; 11th in 2003 Marathon.

**Sponsor:** Hart Pontiac-Buick-GMC

**Competitor** Tim Sheldon **Age** 39  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Electronics Mechanic  
**# Marathons** 7  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 10th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The fans and the roar of the crowd.  
**Racing Achievements** 10th in 2001 Marathon; 11th in 2003 Marathon.

## CANOE #22

**Competitor** Colin Hunter **Age** 23  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Crawford County Road Commission  
**# Marathons** 8  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 16th  
**Attraction to Marathon** I lived on the river and watched the racers go by.  
**Racing Achievements** Finished New York 3 times and Shawinigan once; amateur state champion.

**Sponsors:** Holiday Inn Grayling,  
 Jed Blaauw/Builder-Grayling

**Competitor** Fred Mills **Age** 50  
**City** Roscommon  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Builder/Owner, Fred Mills Builder  
**# Marathons** 8  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 12th  
**Attraction to Marathon** Growing up canoeing, camping and fishing on the AuSable and enjoying the year-round training with friends.  
**Racing Achievements** Triple Crown paddler.

## CANOE #23

**Competitor** Ashley Marsh **Age** 27  
**City** Mio  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** HS Phys. Ed. & Health Teacher  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 1st amateur  
**Attraction to Marathon** Endurance, challenge, night paddling.  
**Racing Achievements**

**Sponsors:** M-33 Access.com,  
 American Collision-Mio

**Competitor** Brad Spies **Age** 19  
**City** Lewiston  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** College Student  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** The chance to participate in North America's most grueling endurance race.  
**Racing Achievements**

## CANOE #24

**Competitor** Karen Levitt **Age** 36  
**City** Keene  
**State/Province** New Hampshire  
**Occupation** History Teacher  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 36  
**Attraction to Marathon** The mystique of the race, night paddling and stories of paddler experiences.  
**Racing Achievements** 7 General Clintons; 4 La Classiques.

**Sponsor:** Springs Industries of Grayling

**Competitor** Abby Kingman **Age** 42  
**City** Goshen  
**State/Province** Massachusetts  
**Occupation** Bureaucrat  
**# Marathons** 3  
**Most Recent** 2001  
**Best Finish** 25th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The uniqueness of the sport and the community spirit.  
**Racing Achievements** 4 La Classiques.

## CANOE #26

**Competitor** Craig Jacobs **Age** 39  
**City** Roscommon  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation**  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 17:17  
**Attraction to Marathon**  
**Racing Achievements**

**Sponsors:** Cornerstone Construction,  
 Northsport Physical Therapy

**Competitor** Jeff Baerlocher **Age** 37  
**City** Roscommon  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Construction  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** Tradition and love for the sport.  
**Racing Achievements**

## CANOE #27

**Competitor** Ed Lazar **Age** 47  
**City** Grosse Pointe Farms  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Insurance Agent  
**# Marathons** 6  
**Most Recent** 2001  
**Best Finish** 13th  
**Attraction to Marathon** Participation in MCRA.  
**Racing Achievements** 4th, C-1 General Clinton.

**Sponsors:** Fay's Motel,  
 Ed Lazar State Farm

**Competitor** Dwight Walker **Age** 50  
**City** Hastings  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Copier Field Service Technician  
**# Marathons** 8  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 14th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge of the race and the beauty of the river.  
**Racing Achievements** Indiana C-1 and C-2 champ for 7 years; 2nd, C-2 nationals; finished 7 General Clinton Regattas.

## CANOE #28

**Competitor** Steven Landick **Age** 51  
**City** Marquette  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Teacher  
**# Marathons** 10  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish**  
**Attraction to Marathon** I like to paddle.  
**Racing Achievements** Record holder, Texas Water Safari and Yukon River Quest.

**Sponsors:** Charlene Sheer/Re/Max of  
 Grayling, Sheer Motors

**Competitor** Greg Nelson **Age** 47  
**City** Marquette  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Chiropractor  
**# Marathons** 3  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 36th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** General Clinton; Mississippi Canoe Classic.

## CANOE #33

**Competitor** Jeff Rankinen **Age** 40  
**City** Jersey Shore  
**State/Province** Pennsylvania  
**Occupation** Teacher  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 13th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge and competition.  
**Racing Achievements** 6th, 2004 General Clinton.

**Sponsors:** Days Inn,  
 Penea Water

**Competitor** Todd Roadman **Age** 48  
**City** Bedford  
**State/Province** Pennsylvania  
**Occupation** Insurance and Financial planning  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 6th, 2004 General Clinton.

## CANOE #34

**Competitor** Matt Streib **Age** 40  
**City** Bristol  
**State/Province** Indiana  
**Occupation** Owner, Canoe and Kayak Sales Store  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 6  
**Attraction to Marathon** The competition and challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** Olympic kayak team, 1980; multiple national C-2 championships.

**Sponsors:** Fluid Fun Canoes & Kayaks,  
 Hart Pontiac-Buick-GMC

**Competitor** Mandy Trudgeon **Age** 23  
**City** Bristol  
**State/Province** Indiana  
**Occupation** Bookkeeper, Fluid Fun  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 17th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge; plus it's something a Grayling native should do.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st in mixed, 2003 Marathon; 1st in women's, 2001 Marathon; 3rd in mixed, 2003 nationals.

## CANOE #36

**Competitor** Michael Garon **Age** 46  
**City** Washington  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Clinical Engineering Manager  
**# Marathons** 9  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 20th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 1992-1995, 1st place, Macomb County Canoe Race.

**Sponsor:** Fay's Motel

**Competitor** Dave Timmerman **Age** 46  
**City** Dubuque  
**State/Province** Iowa  
**Occupation** Glass Company Manager  
**# Marathons** 6  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 21st  
**Attraction to Marathon** The tradition, difficulty and level of competition.  
**Racing Achievements** General Clinton participant.

## CANOE #37

**Competitor** Ron Trojanek **Age** 34  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Supervisor  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** I have watched the race for years and thought about being in it to see if I could do it.  
**Racing Achievements**

**Sponsors:** Contagious Karaoke,  
 B & B Construction

**Competitor** Dave Piehl **Age** 34  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Lumber Grader  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** I have been a spectator for many years, and I wanted to see if I could do it.  
**Racing Achievements**

## CANOE #38

**Competitor** Matthew Ashton **Age** 25  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Survey Crew Chief  
**# Marathons** 5  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 12th  
**Attraction to Marathon** It's in my blood.  
**Racing Achievements** Nationals and state championships.

**Sponsor:** Myers Land Survey

**Competitor** Erich Podjasko **Age** 22  
**City** Frederic  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Surveying Tech  
**# Marathons** 6  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 8th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** National champion; state champion.

## CANOE #39

**Competitor** Pete Mead **Age** 23  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Student  
**# Marathons** 4  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 23rd  
**Attraction to Marathon** Watching the race and talking to paddlers.  
**Racing Achievements** Amateur state championships; other 1st and 2nd finishes in MCRA.

**Sponsors:** Moomer's Ice Cream of  
 Traverse City, Steve Nelson Builder

**Competitor** Bill DuBois **Age** 46  
**City** Jackson  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Truck Mechanic  
**# Marathons** 12  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 8th  
**Attraction to Marathon** I just like to paddle.  
**Racing Achievements** MCRA races.



## CANOE #42

**Competitor Sean Casey** Age 25  
 City Grayling  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Substitute Teacher/Borcher's Canoe Dude  
 # Marathons 4  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 38  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge.  
 Racing Achievements 2 Marathon finishes.

## Sponsors: A Cut Above, TJ's Trucking of Cadillac

**Competitor Jon Thompson** Age 47  
 City Lewiston  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation KCC Instructor  
 # Marathons 3  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 25th  
 Attraction to Marathon Being a native of Grayling.  
 Racing Achievements Raced La Classique with Al Widing.

## CANOE #43

**Competitor Tad HMI** Age 26  
 City Grosse Ile  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Engineer  
 # Marathons 5  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 7th  
 Attraction to Marathon It keeps me in shape and out of trouble.  
 Racing Achievements 3-time national champion.

## Sponsors: Vote Bart Stupak for Congress, Hawk Ridge Golf Course at Skyline

**Competitor Mike Hartman** Age 28  
 City Roscommon  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Insurance Agent  
 # Marathons 6  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 22nd  
 Attraction to Marathon Living in Grayling I don't have a choice.  
 Racing Achievements 3 La Classique finishes.

## CANOE #46

**Competitor Cheryl Lucey** Age 42  
 City Grayling  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Substitute Teacher  
 # Marathons 1  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 44th  
 Attraction to Marathon The great people and the excitement of the race.  
 Racing Achievements

## Sponsor: AuSable Valley Inn of Mio

**Competitor John Lucey** Age 40  
 City Grayling  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Forensic Scientist  
 # Marathons 3  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 36th  
 Attraction to Marathon The excitement of the start.  
 Racing Achievements

## CANOE #47

**Competitor Jeff DeFeo** Age 49  
 City Chester  
 State/Province Massachusetts  
 Occupation Builder  
 # Marathons 4  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 34  
 Attraction to Marathon Stories from people who had done the race.  
 Racing Achievements Last 11 General Clinton races; 2 La Classiques, 31 consecutive Westfield River races.

## Sponsor: The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister-Grayling

**Competitor Susan Morris** Age 46  
 City Milton  
 State/Province New Hampshire  
 Occupation Math and Science Teacher  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon The stories and the film of the race.  
 Racing Achievements USCA nationals; 1 La Classique; 5 General Clintons.

## CANOE #49

**Competitor Chris Scully** Age 44  
 City Lincoln  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Auto Detailing  
 # Marathons 1  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon Competition, endurance and hot babes dancing at the finish line.  
 Racing Achievements 2002 MCRA amateur champion; ranked 48th of 159 C-2 paddlers in 2003; ranked 21st of 118 C-1 paddlers in 2003.

## Sponsors: Wassman Builders, Waterworks Auto Detail/Lincoln

**Competitor Oscar Estuardo Cordon** Age 20  
 City Santa Elena, Cayo District  
 State/Province Belize  
 Occupation  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon Friends. My family are paddlers.  
 Racing Achievements 4 years of racing; finishing in the top 5 in this country.

## CANOE #50

**Competitor Joey Kinsel** Age 23  
 City Oscoda  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Cable Guy  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon I love the river and the competition.  
 Racing Achievements

## Sponsors: Marks Floor, Oscoda, Gilbert's Drug, Oscoda

**Competitor Rod Matthews** Age 49  
 City Oscoda  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Professional Automotive Tech  
 # Marathons 1  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge, the competition.  
 Racing Achievements MCRA 2002 3X27 state amateur champ.

## CANOE #54

**Competitor Lynne Witte** Age 50  
 City Mt. Clemens  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Elementary Teacher  
 # Marathons 24  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 4th  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge.  
 Racing Achievements USCA nationals; mixed Marathon record holder (15:04); Triple Crown past years.

## Sponsor: Penrod's Canoe Livery, McDonald's of Grayling & Gaylord

**Competitor Stephanie Larsen** Age 27  
 City Coon Rapids  
 State/Province Minnesota  
 Occupation Teacher  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent  
 Best Finish  
 Attraction to Marathon The fun and the challenge.  
 Racing Achievements 36th, 2004 Cooperstown; 2nd, 2003 women's nationals.

## CANOE #57

**Competitor Doug Van Meter** Age 34  
 City Homer  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Service Technician  
 # Marathons 2  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 34  
 Attraction to Marathon I enjoy racing and doing the best that I can.  
 Racing Achievements General Clinton; La Classique.

## Sponsors: Maximum Performance Chiropractic, Hart Tire Racing

**Competitor Jon Webb** Age 44  
 City Hubbard Lake  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Special Education Teacher  
 # Marathons 10  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 15  
 Attraction to Marathon  
 Racing Achievements General Clinton 7 times; Shawigan 3 times; 10th, USCA Nationals.

## CANOE #62

**Competitor Ray Trudgeon** Age 22  
 City Grayling  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Graduate Student, Michigan Tech  
 # Marathons 1  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 43rd  
 Attraction to Marathon It's a family tradition.  
 Racing Achievements

## Sponsors: DuBois Lumber, Sylvester's

**Competitor Tom Trudgeon** Age 45  
 City Grayling  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Real Estate Appraiser  
 # Marathons 7  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 9th  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge.  
 Racing Achievements 1st mixed team in 2003 Marathon.

## CANOE #64

**Competitor Peter Heed** Age 54  
 City Westmoreland  
 State/Province New Hampshire  
 Occupation  
 # Marathons 10  
 Most Recent 2002  
 Best Finish 7th  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge of night paddling together with the tradition of the race.  
 Racing Achievements 8 national canoe championships; current senior national champion.

## Sponsors: Borchers, Armada Ski Co.

**Competitor Randy Martin** Age 48  
 City Swanzey  
 State/Province New Hampshire  
 Occupation Motorcycle and Snowmobile Salesman  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge of paddling 120 miles at night with a guy in the stern who talks all the time.  
 Racing Achievements General Clinton and La Classique.

## CANOE #66

**Competitor Steve Watson** Age 32  
 City Onaway  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Teacher  
 # Marathons 5  
 Most Recent 2002  
 Best Finish 7th  
 Attraction to Marathon My cousins and uncle had always done so well at it.  
 Racing Achievements 2nd, 2000 Harry Curley.

## Sponsors: Onaway Motor Speedway, Gannon Broadcasting

**Competitor Dwayne Barnes** Age 42  
 City Copemish  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Truck Driver  
 # Marathons 6  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 18th  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge of paddling the 120 miles.  
 Racing Achievements Some top 10 finishes; expert rookie of the year in 1998; paddled the 2002 Triple Crown.

## CANOE #68

**Competitor Lee Jarpey** Age 61  
 City Ham Lake  
 State/Province Minnesota  
 Occupation Retired  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge.  
 Racing Achievements Red River of the North.

## Sponsor: Avita-Michigan Premium Artesian Water

**Competitor Keith Canny** Age 64  
 City Andover  
 State/Province Minnesota  
 Occupation Machinist  
 # Marathons 2  
 Most Recent 1999  
 Best Finish  
 Attraction to Marathon Trying to finish the challenge.  
 Racing Achievements Many years of canoe racing.

## CANOE #69

**Competitor Matt Smith** Age 27  
 City Roscommon  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Landscaping  
 # Marathons 5  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 28  
 Attraction to Marathon My brother Bob.  
 Racing Achievements 2nd in 2000 amateurs.

## Sponsors: Buffalo Bob's, Stockton Canoe Company

**Competitor Bob Stockton** Age 20  
 City Roscommon  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Intern Plumber and Heat Tech  
 # Marathons 4  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish 28  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge.  
 Racing Achievements 2001 amateur state champion.

## CANOE #70

**Competitor Garth Greenan** Age 49  
 City Traverse City  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Civil Engineer  
 # Marathons 1  
 Most Recent 2003  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon The tradition, teamwork and challenge.  
 Racing Achievements 3 years of MCRA racing.

## Sponsors: Jack & Phyllis Greenan, Blockbuster Video

**Competitor John Van Houten** Age 52  
 City Big Rapids  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Retired U.S. Coast Guard  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon It's a pinnacle of canoe racing in Michigan.  
 Racing Achievements

## CANOE #72

**Competitor Neal Sand** Age 39  
 City Milton  
 State/Province Vermont  
 Occupation Athletic Training  
 # Marathons 2  
 Most Recent 2001  
 Best Finish 25  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge.  
 Racing Achievements 1st, Run of Charles, amateur class.

## Sponsor: Two Lakes Building Corp.-Roscommon

**Competitor Mark McAndrew** Age 52  
 City East Hartwick  
 State/Province Vermont  
 Occupation Sales of Concept 2  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon The challenge.  
 Racing Achievements 1st, Run of Charles, amateur class.

## CANOE #76

**Competitor Josh Sheldon** Age 23  
 City Grayling  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Roofer  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon Living in Grayling; my dad and my uncle race.  
 Racing Achievements

## Sponsors: Powerhouse Gym, Great Lakes Roofing

**Competitor Josh Taylor** Age 25  
 City Grayling  
 State/Province Michigan  
 Occupation Rig Hand  
 # Marathons 0  
 Most Recent N/A  
 Best Finish N/A  
 Attraction to Marathon I grew up in Grayling, and I fed last year for Sean Casey.  
 Racing Achievements



## CANOE #79

Sponsor: Northern Family Dentistry, Roscommon

**Competitor** Brian Royce **Age** 32  
**City** Roscommon  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** 5th Grade Teacher  
**# Marathons** 3  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 32nd  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge and the fun of training.  
**Racing Achievements** Previous canoe races.

**Competitor** John Funderburg **Age** 38  
**City** Amherst  
**State/Province** Ohio  
**Occupation** Senior Loan Administrator  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 35  
**Attraction to Marathon** The crowds, the thrill of paddling all night, the teamwork, seeing the sunrise on the river and the challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** Previous Marathons.

## CANOE #83

Sponsor: Star Security Systems-Grayling

**Competitor** Tom Ackemyer **Age** 39  
**City** Cincinnati  
**State/Province** Ohio  
**Occupation** Carpenter  
**# Marathons** 3  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 31st  
**Attraction to Marathon** Just to see how hard it is.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st, Paddle Fest; 35th, General Clinton.

**Competitor** Ray Bauer **Age** 47  
**City** Cincinnati  
**State/Province** Ohio  
**Occupation** Phone Repairman  
**# Marathons** 4  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 31st  
**Attraction to Marathon** AuSable River night paddling.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st, Paddle Fest; 35th, General Clinton.

## CANOE #84

Sponsors: Northern Natural, Traverse Saw Service

**Competitor** Nathan Winkler **Age** 32  
**City** Interlochen  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Environmental Consultant  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 40th  
**Attraction to Marathon** Seeing the start in 2000 and watching the canoes disappear into the night.  
**Racing Achievements** 2003 25K-Vasa Trail Run; 2004 General Clinton.

**Competitor** Connie Cannon **Age** 43  
**City** East Lansing  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** School Secretary  
**# Marathons** 7  
**Most Recent** 2001  
**Best Finish** 10th  
**Attraction to Marathon** I come from a racing family.  
**Racing Achievements** Women's team record holder with Carrie Trudgeon in 1994.

## CANOE #85

Sponsors: The Townshend Dam Diner, Fay's Motel

**Competitor** Doug Howard **Age** 43  
**City** Townshend  
**State/Province** Vermont  
**Occupation** Carpenter  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 16th  
**Attraction to Marathon** Hearing about the race from other paddlers in our area.  
**Racing Achievements** General Clinton, La Classique.

**Competitor** Gloria Wesley **Age** 44  
**City** Pittsfield  
**State/Province** Massachusetts  
**Occupation** Physical Therapist  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** Like endurance events, the word of mouth.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st mixed team, 2003 General Clinton and La Classique; 1st women's 2004 General Clinton.

## CANOE #87

Sponsors: Gannon Broadcasting Systems, Bear's Den/Growler's Pub Pizzeria and Brew

**Competitor** Rodney Halstead **Age** 19  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Student  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 19th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 2002 Marathon, 1st place amateur; 2002 state champ.

**Competitor** Ryan Halstead **Age** 17  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Student  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 19th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 2002 Marathon, 1st place amateur; 2002 state champ.

## CANOE #88

Sponsors: Fay's Motel of Grayling, Bradley Chiropractic

**Competitor** Barb Bradley **Age** 47  
**City** Wausau  
**State/Province** Wisconsin  
**Occupation** Chiropractor and Physical Therapist  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 18th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge of the river and the competition.  
**Racing Achievements** 2002 USCA national champ.

**Competitor** Allen Limberg **Age** 46  
**City** Wausau  
**State/Province** Wisconsin  
**Occupation** Surgical Assistant  
**# Marathons** 5  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 11th  
**Attraction to Marathon** I always wanted arms like a Grayling boy!  
**Racing Achievements** 3-time USCA national champ; top finishes in local ski, bike, canoe races and triathlons.

## CANOE #89

Sponsor: Koop Sheet Metal

**Competitor** Alex Lisbey **Age** 30  
**City** Belmopan  
**State/Province** Belize  
**Occupation** Rancher  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** An invitation last year from Wade Binion to race.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st, La Ruta Maya, last 5 years; 2003 Texas state champ.

**Competitor** Daniel Cruz **Age** 18  
**City** Belmopan  
**State/Province** Belize  
**Occupation** Work on Family Farm  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** I was invited by Alex.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st, La Ruta Maya, last 2 years.

## CANOE #90

Sponsor: The Bicycle Shop

**Competitor** Robert Smith **Age** 30  
**City** Roscommon  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Service Manager  
**# Marathons** 7  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 22nd  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge and the people.  
**Racing Achievements** 4th, Iceman, single speed class; 1st, Bush Bash Adventure Race, fall 2000; many ski and bike races.

**Competitor** Doug Moggo **Age** 42  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Heavy Equipment Operator  
**# Marathons** 8  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 10th  
**Attraction to Marathon** I've been paddling all my life; it's natural for me to do it.  
**Racing Achievements**

## CANOE #93

Sponsor: Bill Borchers-Century 21

**Competitor** Alfred Borchers **Age** 20  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Fly Fishing Guide  
**# Marathons** 3  
**Most Recent** 2002  
**Best Finish** 2nd Am  
**Attraction to Marathon** The pain.  
**Racing Achievements** 1999 MCRA rookie of the year; 2000 amateur state champ.

**Competitor** Brian Borchers **Age** 17  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Sandwich Artist  
**# Marathons** 2  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 1st Am  
**Attraction to Marathon** My brother and living in Grayling.  
**Racing Achievements**

## CANOE #94

Sponsors: Big Creek Bump & Paint, Lines & Designs

**Competitor** Bill Smutek **Age** 37  
**City** Luzerne  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Auto Body Technician  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** My family paddles, and I wanted to paddle with my dad.  
**Racing Achievements** General Clinton.

**Competitor** Frank Smutek **Age** 70  
**City** Luzerne  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Retired  
**# Marathons** 12  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 8th  
**Attraction to Marathon** I grew up in Oscoda; I was there for the first race, and every young guy had to try it.  
**Racing Achievements** All races in MCRA circuit.

## CANOE #96

Sponsor: Borchers, Diane's Car Wash-Grayling

**Competitor** Tricia Heed **Age** 52  
**City** Westmoreland  
**State/Province** New Hampshire  
**Occupation** Elementary School Librarian  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2001  
**Best Finish** 52nd  
**Attraction to Marathon** I love the challenge of long-distance racing events.  
**Racing Achievements** 2-time Whitewater national champion; 1st, women's and mixed, General Clinton

**Competitor** Tom Warner **Age** 56  
**City** Westmoreland  
**State/Province** New Hampshire  
**Occupation** Networks Engineer  
**# Marathons** 1  
**Most Recent** 2001  
**Best Finish** 52nd  
**Attraction to Marathon** All the bugs you run into during night paddling.  
**Racing Achievements** 1st, senior pro, 2004 General Clinton.

## CANOE #97

Sponsor: Gear West, River Country Motor Lodge-Grayling

**Competitor** Dave Dahl **Age** 55  
**City** Maple Grove  
**State/Province** Minnesota  
**Occupation** RN  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements**

**Competitor** Ed Arenz **Age** 54  
**City** Isanti  
**State/Province** Minnesota  
**Occupation** Computer Consultant  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** It is there.  
**Racing Achievements** Ultra distance running, Mississippi Classic twice.

## CANOE #98

Sponsor: Bemidui Woolen Mills

**Competitor** Devin Arenz **Age** 26  
**City** St. Paul  
**State/Province** Minnesota  
**Occupation** 1  
**Most Recent** 2001  
**Best Finish** 31  
**Attraction to Marathon** The nighttime is the right time.  
**Racing Achievements** 2nd in 2003 The Pas.

**Competitor** Brett Arenz **Age** 25  
**City** St. Paul  
**State/Province** Minnesota  
**Occupation** Grad Student  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** It's a shorter drive than New York.  
**Racing Achievements** 2nd in 2003 The Pas.

## CANOE #99

Sponsor: Lat. 45 Bicycles-Gaylord-Petoskey, Ray Jay's 3 Amigos - Joe, Phil & Steve

**Competitor** Jason Snell **Age** 33  
**City** Gaylord  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Bicycle Shop Manager  
**# Marathons** 4  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 16:43  
**Attraction to Marathon** The personal challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 4th, 2002 Boyne Solo; 6th, 2003 Boyne Solo.

**Competitor** Rejean Huard **Age** 62  
**City** Shawinigan  
**State/Province** Quebec  
**Occupation** Executive Director, La Classique  
**# Marathons** 5  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 49th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge of racing by night.  
**Racing Achievements** La Classique; General Clinton.

## CANOE #136

Sponsor: None

**Competitor** Mark Noorman **Age** 35  
**City** Cedar Springs  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Firefighter  
**# Marathons** 3  
**Most Recent** 2003  
**Best Finish** 58th  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge.  
**Racing Achievements** 5th, Third River Bank Run.

**Competitor** Rob Pease **Age** 29  
**City** Sparta  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Firefighter  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** The challenge and the website.  
**Racing Achievements** 5K and 25K races; adventure races.

## CANOE #183

Sponsors: Lucky & Laura's Liquor & Lotto, 7-11

**Competitor** Jeremy Messerschmidt **Age** 19  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Glen's  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** It's part of Grayling and because of all of the people.  
**Racing Achievements**

**Competitor** Matt Cottrell **Age** 20  
**City** Grayling  
**State/Province** Michigan  
**Occupation** Rite Aid  
**# Marathons** 0  
**Most Recent** N/A  
**Best Finish** N/A  
**Attraction to Marathon** All of the people, and it's something that I've never tried.  
**Racing Achievements**



# 2004 Entry List

| #  | Competitor        | Age | City                | State/Province | #   | Competitor           | Age | City                       | State/Province |
|----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|
| 0  | David Phelps      | 17  | Lapeer              | Michigan       | 43  | Mike Hartman         | 28  | Roscommon                  | Michigan       |
| 0  | Robert Bradford   | 61  | Lapeer              | Michigan       | 43  | Tad Hill             | 26  | Grosse Ile                 | Michigan       |
| 1  | Steve Lajoie      | 28  | Mirabel             | Quebec         | 46  | Cheryl Lucey         | 42  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 1  | Andrew Triebold   | 28  | Spring Arbor        | Michigan       | 46  | John Lucey           | 40  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 2  | Jim Harwood       | 39  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 47  | Susan Morris         | 46  | Milton                     | New Hampshire  |
| 2  | Denis Berthiaume  | 39  | Pre'vost            | Quebec         | 47  | Jeff DeFeo           | 49  | Chester                    | Massachusetts  |
| 3  | Matthew Rimer     | 20  | Horton              | Michigan       | 49  | Oscar Cordon         | 20  | Santa Elena, Cyao District | Belize         |
| 3  | Mo Harwood        | 25  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 49  | Chris Scully         | 44  | Lincoln                    | Michigan       |
| 5  | Jeff Janish       | 41  | Whittemore          | Michigan       | 50  | Joey Kimsel          | 23  | Oscoda                     | Michigan       |
| 5  | Theresa Janish    | 15  | Whittemore          | Michigan       | 50  | Rod Matthews         | 49  | Oscoda                     | Michigan       |
| 6  | Alan DuBois       | 70  | Cottage Grove       | Minnesota      | 54  | Stephanie Larsen     | 27  | Coon Rapids                | Minnesota      |
| 6  | Gareth Stevens    | 52  | Hubertus            | Wisconsin      | 54  | Lynne Witte          | 50  | Mt. Clemens                | Michigan       |
| 7  | Brad Bauer        | 30  | Seattle             | Washington     | 57  | Jon Webb             | 44  | Hubbard Lake               | Michigan       |
| 7  | Nicholas Bauer    | 44  | Spokane             | Washington     | 57  | Doug Van Meter       | 34  | Homer                      | Michigan       |
| 8  | Nick D'Amour      | 20  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 62  | Tom Trudgeon         | 45  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 8  | Dave Jensen       | 40  | San Jose            | California     | 62  | Ray Trudgeon         | 22  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 9  | Jerry Killingbeck | 35  | East Tawas          | Michigan       | 64  | Peter Heed           | 54  | Westmoreland               | New Hampshire  |
| 9  | Al Widing Sr.     | 79  | Mio                 | Michigan       | 64  | Randy Martin         | 48  | Swanzy                     | New Hampshire  |
| 10 | Amy Solak         | 39  | Traverse City       | Michigan       | 66  | Steve Watson         | 32  | Onaway                     | Michigan       |
| 10 | Ted Smutek        | 36  | Luzerne             | Michigan       | 66  | Dwayne Barnes        | 42  | Copemish                   | Michigan       |
| 11 | Rick Joy          | 45  | Silverwood          | Michigan       | 68  | Lee Jarpey           | 61  | Ham Lake                   | Minnesota      |
| 11 | Louis Berthiaume  | 45  | Berthierville       | Quebec         | 68  | Keith Canny          | 64  | Andover                    | Minnesota      |
| 12 | Mike Thomsen      | 36  | Hale                | Michigan       | 69  | Matt Smith           | 27  | Roscommon                  | Michigan       |
| 12 | Chad Brandt       | 30  | Hale                | Michigan       | 69  | Bob Stockton         | 20  | Roscommon                  | Michigan       |
| 14 | Bill Torongo      | 42  | Roscommon           | Michigan       | 70  | Garth Greenan        | 49  | Traverse City              | Michigan       |
| 14 | Clark Kent        | 44  | Lapeer              | Michigan       | 70  | John Van Houten      | 52  | Big Rapids                 | Michigan       |
| 16 | Jeff Kolka        | 45  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 72  | Neal Sand            | 39  | Milton                     | Vermont        |
| 16 | Serge Corbin      | 47  | St. Boniface        | Quebec         | 72  | Mark McAndrew        | 52  | East Hartwick              | Vermont        |
| 17 | Frank Taber       | 54  | Lowell              | Michigan       | 76  | Josh Taylor          | 25  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 17 | Linda Taber       | 51  | Lowell              | Michigan       | 76  | Josh Sheldon         | 23  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 18 | Bruce Bymes       | 52  | Lapeer              | Michigan       | 79  | Brian Royce          | 32  | Roscommon                  | Michigan       |
| 18 | Russ Reker        | 40  | Lapeer              | Michigan       | 79  | John Funderberg      | 38  | Amherst                    | Ohio           |
| 19 | Debbie Perry      | 46  | Traverse City       | Michigan       | 83  | Tom Ackemyer         | 39  | Cincinnati                 | Ohio           |
| 19 | Joe Seifert       | 52  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 83  | Ray Bauer            | 47  | Cincinnati                 | Ohio           |
| 20 | Tim Sheldon       | 39  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 84  | Nathan Winkler       | 32  | Interlochen                | Michigan       |
| 20 | David Teddy       | 30  | Littleton           | Colorado       | 84  | Connie Cannon        | 43  | East Lansing               | Michigan       |
| 22 | Fred Mills        | 50  | Roscommon           | Michigan       | 85  | Gloria Wesley        | 44  | Pittsfield                 | Massachusetts  |
| 22 | Colin Hunter      | 23  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 85  | Doug Howard          | 43  | Townshend                  | Vermont        |
| 23 | Brad Spies        | 19  | Lewiston            | Michigan       | 87  | Rodney Halstead      | 19  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 23 | Ashley Marsh      | 27  | Mio                 | Michigan       | 87  | Ryan Halstead        | 17  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 24 | Karen Levitt      | 36  | Keene               | New Hampshire  | 88  | Allen Limberg        | 46  | Wausau                     | Wisconsin      |
| 24 | Abby Kingman      | 42  | Goshen              | MA             | 88  | Barb Bradley         | 47  | Wausau                     | Wisconsin      |
| 26 | Jeff Baerlocher   | 37  | Roscommon           | Michigan       | 89  | Daniel Cruz          | 18  | Belmopan                   | Belize         |
| 26 | Craig Jacobs      | 39  | Roscommon           | Michigan       | 89  | Alex Lisbey          | 30  | Belmopan                   | Belize         |
| 27 | Dwight Walker     | 50  | Hastings            | Michigan       | 90  | Doug Moggo           | 42  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 27 | Ed Lazar          | 47  | Grosse Pointe Farms | Michigan       | 90  | Robert Smith         | 30  | Roscommon                  | Michigan       |
| 28 | Steven Landick    | 51  | Marquette           | Michigan       | 93  | Alfred Borchers      | 20  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 28 | Greg Nelson       | 47  | Marquette           | Michigan       | 93  | Brian Borchers       | 17  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 33 | Jeff Rankinen     | 40  | Jersey Shore        | Pennsylvania   | 94  | Bill Smutek          | 37  | Luzerne                    | Michigan       |
| 33 | Todd Roadman      | 48  | Bedford             | Pennsylvania   | 94  | Frank Smutek         | 70  | Luzerne                    | Michigan       |
| 34 | Matt Streib       | 40  | Bristol             | Indiana        | 96  | Tom Warner           | 56  | Westmoreland               | New Hampshire  |
| 34 | Mandy Trudgeon    | 23  | Bristol             | Indiana        | 96  | Tricia Heed          | 52  | Westmoreland               | New Hampshire  |
| 36 | Michael Garon     | 46  | Washington          | Michigan       | 97  | Dave Dahl            | 55  | Maple Grove                | Minnesota      |
| 36 | Dave Timmerman    | 46  | Dubuque             | Iowa           | 97  | Ed Arenz             | 54  | Isanti                     | Minnesota      |
| 37 | Ron Trojanek      | 34  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 98  | Brett Arenz          | 25  | St. Paul                   | Minnesota      |
| 37 | Dave Piehl        | 34  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 98  | Devin Arenz          | 26  | St. Paul                   | Minnesota      |
| 38 | Matthew Ashton    | 25  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 99  | Jason Snell          | 33  | Gaylord                    | Michigan       |
| 38 | Erich Podjaske    | 22  | Frederic            | Michigan       | 99  | Rejean Huard         | 62  | Shawinigan                 | Quebec         |
| 39 | Pete Mead         | 23  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 136 | Mark Noorman         | 35  | Cedar Springs              | Michigan       |
| 39 | Bill DuBois       | 46  | Jackson             | Michigan       | 136 | Rob Pease            | 29  | Sparta                     | Michigan       |
| 42 | Sean Casey        | 25  | Grayling            | Michigan       | 183 | Jeremy Messerschmidt | 19  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |
| 42 | Jon Thompson      | 47  | Lewiston            | Michigan       | 183 | Matt Cottrell        | 20  | Grayling                   | Michigan       |



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|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 1st.....  | \$5,000 |
| 2nd.....  | \$3,500 |
| 3rd.....  | \$2,500 |
| 4th.....  | \$2,000 |
| 5th.....  | \$1,500 |
| 6th.....  | \$1,400 |
| 7th.....  | \$1,300 |
| 8th.....  | \$1,200 |
| 9th.....  | \$1,100 |
| 10th..... | \$1,000 |
| 11th..... | \$.950  |
| 12th..... | \$.900  |
| 13th..... | \$.850  |
| 14th..... | \$.800  |
| 15th..... | \$.750  |
| 16th..... | \$.700  |
| 17th..... | \$.650  |
| 18th..... | \$.630  |
| 19th..... | \$.600  |
| 20th..... | \$.580  |
| 21st..... | \$.550  |
| 22nd..... | \$.530  |
| 23rd..... | \$.500  |
| 24th..... | \$.480  |
| 25th..... | \$.450  |
| 26th..... | \$.430  |
| 27th..... | \$.400  |
| 28th..... | \$.380  |
| 29th..... | \$.350  |
| 30th..... | \$.330  |
| 31st..... | \$.320  |
| 32nd..... | \$.310  |
| 33rd..... | \$.300  |
| 34th..... | \$.290  |
| 35th..... | \$.280  |
| 36th..... | \$.270  |
| 37th..... | \$.260  |
| 38th..... | \$.250  |
| 39th..... | \$.240  |
| 40th..... | \$.230  |

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